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Boothby Family

OLD LETTERS 1862 - 1924

Found in EFFECTS of Belle (Boothby) Stoops of Ipava, Illinois

Most of them written to her parents,

Nathaniel Boothby and Chesting (Root) Boothby of Warren, Illinois

from

Boothbys of Holland, Michigan , later of Leslie, Michigan

and

Roots of Andover, Ohio

Chicago, Ill.
October 1938

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BOOTHBY FAMILY

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1st Generation

I Samuel Boothby married Margery * lived in Scarborough,Me.
child:
1. Richard Boothby born July 22,1766 married Anne Staples,who was b Aug.31,1767 * children:
(1) Margery born Oct.21,1789 d May 20,1799*
(2) Samuel born Jan.29,1792*
(3) Nathaniel b Apr.29,1794*(His descendants call him Nathaniel Staples)
(4) Enoch b Nov.7,1796*
(5) Eleanor b May 16,1799 *
(6) Margery b May 31,1801 d Nov.9,1804 *
(7) Simon b Sept.26,1803 *
(8) Noah b Nov.12,1807*(had a dau Ellen, see letter 36)
(9) Mary Ann b Oct.26,1810*alive Apr.1864 see letter 35

3rd Generation

(3) Nathaniel Staples Boothby b Apr. 29,1794 (see letter 148) d 1884 married Martha Temple b 1807 d 1887 m May 20,1830 (see letter 156)
Children:(may not be in correct order of birth)
A- Noah Boothby m Harriet
(A) Willis Boothby
(B) Jennie
(C) Metta Married Lawrenz she d Oct.18,1906
(D) Albert Noah b July 1864 see letter 41
one or two more

B- Nathaniel Boothby b Sept.15,1832 in Hartford,Trumbull co.Ohio died Jan.11,1911 m Aug.17,1855 to Hannah Chestina Foot b June 10,1834 in Andover,O.; moved from Connecut,Ohio to Warren,Ill. spring of 1858; had a planoing mill there; moved to Chicago 1889. Chestina d Mar.2,1912
(A) Louis Dale Boothby b Madison,O. July 27,1857 d Dec.7,1862
(B) Belle Boothby b Dec.26,1864 d Mar.11,1932 m Dr.P.H.Stoops
a- Edna May Stoops b March 13,1889 in Union,Ia.
b- William Wade Stoops b Aug.17,1892 m Lela Brock
(a) Kathryn Joan Stoopsb Dec.27,1920
c- Richard Boothby Stoops b Mar.22,1897 m Mary D.Waldrop
(a) Dorothy Armine Stoops b Dec.9,1930 in Chicago
d- Edwin Byford Stoops b Sept.13,1899 m Helen Kaiser in 1933
(C) Ben Butler Boothby b Sept.17,1866 d June 2,1934
C-Henry Boothby see letters 41 & 45
D-Mary Ann Boothby married Dr.James P.Silsby she d Dec.23,1910 ae 73 had a daughter Jennie who married a Mr.Day
E-Emily Boothby m L.B.Hamlin Glenn who d Sept.1869 see letters 35 &36
(A) Mattie Glenn m Charles M.Vines
a- Emily Vines lives in Howell,Mich.
b- Glenn Vines d at ae 4
c-Gladys Vines m Gaither Cockrell
d-Edith
(B) Robert Glenn
Emily married Richard Whalen
(C) Mary Whalen
(D) Amy Whalen

*Records of Scarborough,Me. ~~1st Congregational Church~~ in Me.Hist.& Geneal.Recordsr Vol.VI in Newberry Library fp 372-3

F Elizabeth Beetby married Rev.Henry Silas Tibbits b c 1864
2.Joseph L.Willson b c 1867

(A)- Henry Silas Tibbits b Feb.12,1865 m Thea Nelson
a- Eleanor Elizabeth Tibbits b Sept.14,1896 d Oct.29,1918
b- Henry McLean Tibbits b June 14,1.96 m Mrs.Elizabeth Willmer Dec.21,1929
(a) Betty Ann Tibbets, a step daughter
(b) Robert Nelson Tibbits b Sept.30,1930
(c) Donald Henry Tibbits b Nov.12,1935
c-Lawrence Hyde Tibbits b Nov.16,1899 m Evelyn Hollogg 1924
(a) Marget Ann Tibbits b Dec.21,1928
(b) Judith Lynn Tibbits b Aug.5,1935
d- Marion Tibbits m Kurt an H.Huebner Dec.21,1929
(a) Eleanor Huebner b Sept.15,1930
(b) Margaret Louise Huebner b Nov.28,1932

G -Sarah Beetby m Sept.20,1864 to George Monroe
(A)- Rosa Monroe b 1866
4 others

H- Mary Beetby m [illegible] Julia M.
(A)- "Bert"- Irvin Omar Beetby m Lillian Sawyer Morris 1890
(B)- Clarence

I- John Beetby Corporal in Union army d Dec.23,1865 in Confederate Prison from starvation

Root Family

of Andover,Ohio, according to the Root Genealogy by James Pierce Root of Wisconsin (published 1870; there is a copy in the Chicago Public Library), had the following ancestors: and descendants, altho information on 7th, 8th & 9th generations has been given by the family:

1st Generation- John Roote of Badby,Northamptonshire,Eng., believed to be son of a John Roote who m Ann Russell in 1600 ; came to America ca 1637 m Mary Kilbourn ; called John Sr. of Farmington,Ct.

2nd - Thomas Roote of Farmington,Ct. & Westfield,Mass. m 1.Mary Cridley,; 2.Mary Spencer 3rd. Sarah Leonard

3rd- John Root of Westfield,Mass. m Mary Leonard (his step sister)

4th- Elisha Root of Westfield and Southwick,Mass. m Mary Scott

5th - Joseph Root of Westfield , Southwick and Otis,Mass. m Elizabeth Adams

6th - Reuben Root (Reuben Collins,Sr.) of Southwick,Mass. & Ohio m Lucy Adams (family thinks ~~maybe~~ her name was Crittenden)

7th- 1.Lucy b.Jan.3,1805 at Sandisfield,Mass. m.Chauncey Knox of Parma Center,N.Y.
issue-Ason d Sept.6,1854 aged about 18 yrs.
Maranda m.Rodney P.Odell of Parma Center

2.Reuben Collins Root,Jr.b Nov.1,1805 d Mar.30,1888 m Hannah Harper Apr.17,1834 (she d March 4,1916 in Chicago) [illegible]
issue- Hannah Christina Root b June 10,1834 d Mar.3,1912 m [illegible] Reeding Aug.17,1855 children:(Louis D. July 27,1857-Dec.1862; (Dolle (Dec.26,1864-Mar.1952)m.Dr.P.H.Stoops- ch-Edna Stoops, Wade Stoops, Richard Stoops, Edwin Stoops; 2.Ben Reeding Sept.17,1866- June 2,1954.
Reuben Lafayette July 3,1836-1915 m Louisa Turner he was in Civil War Co.H, 98 Ill.Infantry ch- Nettie Root m W.C.DeWar; Marcia Root
2nd Lieut.
Thomas Jefferson Root May 29,1838-1903 m Martha C.Butler ch- Rome, Jerry, Gertrude,Bessie,Clint see letters 183 & 184
T.J. was in Civil War, Co.I 111th Reinf.
Liberty Leville Root Mar.8,1841-Sept.1,1868
Lola Abigail Root Jan.19,1841-Mar.2,1875 m William W.Birch ch- Fred Birch; Eugene Birch
Levi Levinski Root Mar.18,1847 supposed to have been killed in railroad wreck 1893 "Vine"

Wallace Devance Root Jan.15,1849-Sept.4,1875 "Walk"
Erwins Velnu Root June 21,1852 moved to Utah "Drake"

3. Crittendon Root settled in N W part of Mo. was married

4.Hannah Root m Marvin Adams went to NW Mo. 6 children -Leville, Franklin, Byron - - -

5. Orpha Root m.John Blanchard at Andover,O.
issue- Allen d.Ashtabula,O.; Martin lived near Friend,Neb.he m Elizabeth Rilo of Andover; Leander killed in Civil War; Leville Blanchard

6.Emeline Root m.Thomas Pitcher of Parma Center,N.Y.
issue-Emma Pitcher m H.W.Pendleton of Pa.; Anna d young ; Cornelia Pitcher m. -Wood, lived in Springfield,Mo; Dwight Pitcher lived in Dingsville,O.

7. James Root m. Pauline Hoffman lived in Andover, O. bo d Aug.15,1870
issue- Neville killed in Civil war; Alonzo m - Terrill; Parolia Root
m - Mann lived in Andover

8. Daniel Milton Root m Esther Burnett lived in Wisconsin & Farmington.
issue - first dau. d. young; Celestia m. lived in Farmington, Mich; Jennie married
lived in Pontiac, Mich; Adelia m - Smith she d in Detroit 1884

see letter 57

9 Maria Root - William Tiley Texas moved to Troy, Mo. ca.1870
issue- Lucy Elizabeth m. - Robinson lived in Troy; Winefried d ca.1870

10 - Atla Root m Helen Heath lived in Andover & Williamsfield, O.
(obituary says Atala V. Root) she b Jan.12,1837 d.Jan.11,1905
issue-Mary m O. Wright of Williamsfield, O.; Melinda ; Gilman Heath of Leon, Ohio; Lavinia; Viola ; another d in infancy 1 dau. m. Charles Mitchell, another m. Thomas North

Information on the back of a picture:

" Part of Company I , 11th Pennsylvania Vol. I Taken on the steps of White Hall Court house Virginia 1862 "

" Soldiers in the 'War of the Rebellion' from Andover,Ashtabula Co., Ohio, all born and grew up together there, and Enlisted together in 'Company I, Allegany College. Volunteer Infantry' at Meadville,Pa. the summer of 1862, I think their Regiment was the 11th Pennsylvania. Their names reading from left to right were

1st row Lieut.Hiram Wilo, George Beach, Lute Prosser, Lycurgus Marvin

2nd row Berocus Strickland, Ardon Ferris

3rd row Oscar Marvin, Thomas J.Root

Picture was taken on the steps of White Hall Court House,Frederick Co.,Virginia

Hannah Christina Root Boothby "

Uncle Milton Roots Liniment
will cure cancer

1 oz Ammonia

1 oz Camphor

1 oz Organium oil

1 oz Oil of Spike

4 oz Alcohol

Letter # 1

Green Lake Feb.24 (no year)

Dear Sister I now sit down to answer your very welcome letter which I received a few days ago and was glad to know that you were well and enjoying yourself we are all in usual health the children are all at home this winter except Sarah and Lola who have homes of their own Sarah lives in Blue Earth County Minnesota Lola lives three quarters of a mile from us they are both doing well we have had quite a mild pleasant winter the boys have been going to school but the school closed yesterday you mentioned about coming to see us in the spring I hope you will not fail to come it is quite lonesome having no friends to visit but our own family Andrew Parker lives a few miles from us they were well and doing well the last we heard from them Levi lives in Iowa his post office address is Cedar Falls Iowa post office box 166 if you can possibly come and see us you can come to Lipon Fondulac County where we will meet you if you will write and let us know when you will be there. Give our love to Christina and her husband yours as ever

Noel Parker

(Note- Hannah (Parker) Noel, the mother of Christina (Noel)Hoehly, evidently received this letter. We have no record of her Parker relatives. This letter was written after Christina's marriage in 1878. The letter must have been from Wisconsin, since Lipon is mentioned.)

Letter 2

Sacramento Cal.Dec.21st (no year)

Mr & Mrs Hoehly

Dear friends

I have long been wanting to write you but my time has been so taken up in travelling about and seeing places and things that I never saw before that I really neglected my duty toward my friends. We are both well and having a very pleasant time. Whitlock has come up to the

"Capitol" to attend to his regular business. They convene about 12 in the forenoon and adjourn at 5 in the afternoon so he is with us most of the time. I had a delightful time in "San Francisco" I think it would pay you to see the "Grand Old Ocean" although it is so far from your home. But it is a sight that I shall never forget. We expect to go from Orion "Holidays, as the "Legislature" adjourns for two weeks, and their 12.00 a day goes on just the same. Galveston can't compare I like Cal' very much. A perfect round of amusement all the time. I know I should not be contented to settle down in Lawren it is so dull and monotonous compared to the Cal' life. We will spend Christmas wit' a family 60 miles up the river, leave the next Monday. I know we will have a splendid time. Do you have your sings - I often wish I might sing with our Club I have declined two very pressing invitations to sing in Churches in this city. I would rather be a listener I suppose I shall hear of you going to Iowa to give a "concert" this winter. It is raining this morning no snow the year round but any quantity of delicious fruit of all kinds Oranges growing in the yards of private residences it would seem strange to Eastern people. I have just written home. I send you our Photos hoping you will favor us with yours. I expect you will have a nice dinner some place Christmas I wish I might enjoy one with my parents. If nothing happens we will visit Kansas a year from next winter. I think I have written a long and tiresome letter but hope you will reply very soon - Mr Whitlock joins me in love to you all.

Respectfully

L.P.Whitlock

P.S.

Andover April 11 (no year) [illegible]

Dear Sister

I received your letter a few days ago saying you had received no answer to your previous letter, but if I mistake not I wrote you not long ago, presume you have received it ere this, [illegible] as usual. [illegible]

gaining has walked to the center two or three times, but [illegible] able to [illegible] any yet. I shall be with you soon to tell you all the news. so I will say nothing further only to add that I have made arrangements to start west Monday the 10th.

I will get these plants for you if possible.

Love

"Short & Sweet"

(Note- Written sometime after Cleotina's move to Denver in 1915 and before their father died in 1920)

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(No date, perhaps all the letter is not here)

Well Tina, here I am. would you know that it was me. I don't see as I am destined to get a good picture. this just came as good a one as I would like to have sent you it was so near night when it was taken. an artist came to this place to stay a short time thought I would improve the chance as I might not have another in a long time. I have a school engaged for the summer and yesterday I received a certificate for a year so you see I am right in town. I expect to commence the middle of May. I haven't got well enough to work much yet but am gaining. Mom is better the rest of the folks are well. Ma. has is better and also Joe Walden I haventtime to write more this morning please write very soon to your loving sister

Lelia

tell all the folks to write and I am going to send one to Ollie and Louese as soon as I can

(Lelia and Louisa m. Nov.1861. Ma enlisted 1862, hence this must have been written before May 1862)

5 (Early 1862)

(Another piece of a letter without date but evidently during the Civil War)

the bodies of two soldiers have been brought home that died in the hospital a short time ago Lewis and a Slaton fellow.

Hector Walden has been very sick yet in bitter now, he has gone died of a fever. John Walden and their little girl Lollie have also been very sick I believe is

had the typhoid fever, and the lung fever, guess they are most well now. Lois Veach has been sick with lung fever too, Lyman Darwin is nearly well again. but Mr. Innes is worse - he got a good deal better but he went down to Uncle Jens, went out into the sugar bush and out went sugar and it brought him right down again I guess they havent much hopes now that he will ever be any better but I am afraid I shall scare you if I mention any more sick cases so think I had better stop. Guess we will all have to come out where you are then there will be no danger of our being sick. There has been some one of us sick and sometimes two or three of us at a time ever since . or went away but enough of this. Guess I send you a piece of Jas & my dresses, the green checked one is mine, now I want you to think they are pretty, and quite a little item to be taken into consideration is that mine was only 25 cents a yd and Jas 31 dont you think that quite reasonable. mine is trimed with black velvet edged with orange half flowing sleeves and the cuffs and cape have two rows of the trimming on them. shouldnt you think it would look quite dashy for me I got me a French sacque this winter a black one trimed with black silk stitched with white and a Zouave jacket to wear with the silk skirt drop (?) ladys cloth trimed with two rows of black velvet edged with crimson it is pretty I tell you Grandpa left no will he had disposed of his property what he didnt give to Aunt 3 children went to Uncle Milton Cornelia has been here since examination I think some of mine been with her tomorrow we didnt know your lawn skirt was here until we got your letter I will get Jas and the boys Illustrasses for you as soon as I can have you got yours yet no doubt you will think this a funny letter but you must remember that I am sick How fares it with Dirt and how does Louesa like the new house when are they going to housekeeping now you all owe me a letter every one of you When, Dirt, Lubo, Louesa and you see that there dont any neglect your duty long. Please write very soon and I will try and answer without delay. I love to you all

(Note-her grandfather Root died Dec.27,1862)

Your loving sister

Lois

(Letter to Andrew)

6

(Another last page without date of any kind)

There is no news stirring, but rest and that not to be an old story long ago.

"Good night & pleasant dreams

Sister Lola

Tine dont forget to tell me what plants you want me to bring. have you got a Festival Glee Book? If not I will bring ours for of course we are to have a little music and there are some very nice pieces in that.

7 1864 - April

Wednesday eve

Dear Sister

Any thing that comes to the Post Office for me you can keep until I come, for we start for Wisconsin Friday. I shall come home on the Mineral Point I think. I have concluded not to make anything for the fair as I failed to get any chenille.

In haste

Lola

8

(A fragment without date, but before Lola married in 1867)

We had lots of company here yesterday, Mrs.Thos & Mira, Mrs.Stillman, Aunt Eveline, & Mrs.Smith (not Mrs.Elin Smith but the shoemakers wife) had a nice old visit I tell you, wish you could have been here. Aunt Eveline has been very sick with bloody flux, but has got so she does her own work now that disease is rageing in Lenoc at a fearful rate. young Doctor Linn and his only child died with it and the last we heard his wife was very sick & Mr Bentleys sister (the one that used to be around here some) wasent expected to live and her only child died a few days before -

they have had it around here some but none have died except Roberts Libes little boy. he was a real pretty little fellow, and they took his death very hard. as to the marriages I believe there has been but one that was Sherm Parker, and Bell Laughlin. they went to Cleve - to the State fair for the wedding tour. guess I shall have to tell you what we are all about and wind up. I came to a sudden stop last night - I broke my gold pen on the nib you see above. now you mustint complain if my letter isent as good as it might be as I have worked so hard over it as to break my pen. Ter begins to look more like himself again. our folks have come into the tobacco business strong this year have got over a ton have had to spend considerable time with it so they havent their haying done yet. Bruke spends most of his time killing squirrels. has shot 82 "bully for him" my health isent good at

all I feel miserable all the time but have worked like Hurry since I got home from my school. Ma doesent feel very well. a few days ago she was very poorly but feels better now. I know you will think this just no letter at all, but dont see as I can do better this time have written it all in such a hurry dont suppose you can read it. now do write forthwith we are very anxious to hear from you.

It is time for the mail and I must stop. good bye

your loving sister Lela

my love to Than

be sure and write right off. a long letter if you please

Today is training day -

'9

18 - 2
Andover May (no other date)

Brother Than

As I was sitting by the old fireplace this eve it popped into my head all of a sudden that I must answer your letter received so long ago the perusal of which afforded me much of pleasure. So here I sit racking my brains for a stray bit of news I have searched in every nook and corner with the vain hope of being rewarded for my pains by some interesting article, but alas, fruitless have been my endeavors for nary a bit can - find hence this time you will have to content yourself with what little nonsense I can scrape up. And dose that, methinks I hear you say. I know it full well and indeed I truly sympathize. But then t'were better far to have occasionally a bitter dose that we may better appreciate the sweet. What a wise old adviser I would make though wouldent I ? I suppose you wasent aware of the fact before that you have such a very sensible minded sister. They say every one has a life work to do I think perhaps mine is to live an old maid and devote my life to traveling around amongst suffering humanity ministering comfort and advice to poor afflicted mortals. Well there I guess that will do for once. I may overwhelm you with my eloquence if I get off to much at a time. The thing of it is I went to Wayne to be the examination and got a certificate and you see it set me up a foot or two, but there was no school to be had, so I had come to drop my feathers or I don't know what would have become of me. I guess you will be in to think that I have in good earnest got into a nonsensical strain, but dear me it is utterly impossible for me to be sensible at what my nature by a long shot. I declare I do wish I had a lot of good news to write. But Than it is entirely beyond your conception or imagination to conceive what a monotonous life the A- folks do lead occasionally some stirring war news will reach here then there will be an old scrutching around hoisting the flags. but soon the excitement is lulled to a dead calm, and the same routine is pursued as formally- Dirt likes living in Pa. first rate he has threatened hard to write to some of you but I guess he hasent as yet carried his threats into execution. he was at home a week on account of a sore knee and it seems lonelier than ever since he went back. We havent heard from Tom very lately I presume he is on the way to Richmond do you think there is any prospect of the wars closing soon some are prophesying it will. nearly all the girls are teaching this summer so that I am left almost alone and I tell you I am somewhat lonesome if not more you are coming to see us this fall what you say do say yes oh! wouldent it be glorious why just merely the thoughts of it makes me nearly crazy. I guess when you do come

I shall have to [illegible] you that as if the plan needs your approbation. What kind of a chance is there out there for teachers? What are the rates this year? [illegible] is the normal pulse here. [illegible] every week for which we are very thankful indeed as it gives us a glimpse of what is going on in that remote clime. I suppose Pete and Louise are now surely engaged in a house by themselves tell Louise I am almost tired of waiting for that letter. I have looked for it daily this long time and I am ready to hope I shall see it one day. [illegible] I believe has never written to me. I should be highly pleased to receive a letter from him. I expect after a while you will be tired to tell the truth as my letters are nothing so very explicit. Now I see in at the old point again scowl up your visage and give it to her as little as does she richly deserves it I assure you for she has never answered my last letter. Tell her to have done having another blubs claiming up time. Sonia, tell us all about him. [illegible] expect he is a miracle by a perfect person of perfection but I would like to see him but I think it is high time for me to begin to think of winding up. You see I have an object in view by coming out there to live all quite at if when love their own world be lonely ere thettime what a delightful country. It must be I am sure I shall like it. I presume in the short writing a commercial letter I have done it I know this letter will be anything but interesting but with standing I should be very much pleased to hear from you soon - [illegible] I write right off if you knew what a treat a letter was in this dull part of the world oh I forgot to tell you that the folks are all well love to all good night -

sister Lelie

Ma sends her love and says she will write before long-

((Note- This is hard to read, as all her letters are, for she crosses the letter and then varies in all the spacing. Since she speaks of Pete, Lelie and his wife, this must have been written Aug 1944, before he went to war)
(of course Than was her brother-in-law))

#10

From a friend

Guess if you can who sends this letter.
Early or late, you will find few better.
One thing I am ready to admit,
Receive this news as you see fit,
Great love for you I entertain.
Either return it, or life is vain,

Valentine

Dear Daughter,

I discovered after you was gone that you had forgotten (or did not have time) to copy the valentine verses so I have done it, and will send your comb that I found on the mantle mantlepiece, and some papers that I have, also some paper that [illegible] to her children and was about [illegible] their friendliness I suppose you arrived home safe and sound at the proper time, and we said, I will bet all of the boys will be at the depot to see if [illegible] other come.all

here the same as when you left. Write when you get time.

Love to all,
Mother

bright dreams attend the gentle one
Who kindest and the best.
The summer sunrise can fall upon
A heart so truly blest.

-

Loves Power.

Loved reign is eternal -
The heart is his throne;
And he has all moments
Of life for his own.

-

When cupid dying sear'd above,
He whispered - Heav'n itself is love.

-

Friendship's offering - whose silent eloquence
(More rich than words) tells of the purest faith.

-

When thou art near,
The sweetest joys still sweeter seem.
The brightest hopes more bright appear
And life is all one happy dream.

-

To me, fair maid, will you agree,
Plainly now I ask thee,
In spite of Dad and Man too be
M - I - P - S - .

-

J oyfully (would you but ask) I'd be Made
O nly yours alone - by the minister's aid,
H appy I'd be every doubt to Express
N ow should you ask, I would answer Yes.

-

Last night, my dear, I had a dream,
An o're (?) fond dream of you:
I dreamed you were a fool supreme,
And woke and found it true.

-

My mother taught me how to kiss,
Pray let me show you, smiling miss.

-

A great fortune with a wife is a bad dell of troubles.

-

Be your heart as pure,
Your cheek as bright
As the spring rose,

-

No other bond can give content,
Taught also on earth can bind,
As those three simple magic words,
"Love, friendship, Truth," combined.

-

There are some spirits fitly sitting
To echo back the tones of mine.
And these few cherished friends over
I dare - dear friend, to number thine.

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see p. 35

A fragment -

Last night (the trains didnot connect at Elyria) safe and sound without logging my baggage. They stayed a day longer in Cleveland looking for me. Mr.Barther has sold her farm and bought Ben Hinge place she moved there the first of April. Martha will live with her Mother for the present Julia & her husband are going to Lance. I Havent found out yet where the mill is going to stand they are not at work at it yet. The railroad is coming from Ashtabula and going to Jamestown. They are not at work at it now there is some trouble about the contractor but are at work in all the other towns / soon will be home again I guess. Havent seen Jennie (maybe Fannie or Jennie) wife yet but will take a good squint at her when I do. Davies funeral sermon will be preached a week from today. Aunt Eveline takes his death very hard. Vire Marvin isnot expected to live. Lole Strickland is just gone with consumption and Lorena Parker is dead. They lived in Lecco. I dont know what ailed her but expect "she died for want of breath. Have been so busy that I havent had time to pick up much news but will write lots next time. it is getting late & I cant write more this time for I am most tired to death / have got an awful big washing to do tomorrow so think I had better "retire & go to bed". we sent home the girl the first night I came. there has been a perfect string of callers here today. Oh I havent told you where the depot is to be, it takes in a corner of Jim Morley's lot and a corner of the Methodist Church lot. Mort Blanchard is sick with chill fever weren't well enough at the appointed time to go and be married so Uncle John went for Lily and they were married there. that was a week ago tomorrow but I must stop. my respects to all and a kiss for the baby. her picture was handled some today. write just as soon as you receive this ~~letting~~ telling all the news both of you. be sure

Good Night

Lola

Nan (? sp.) thought that Illinoeses was than sure enough
He liked her dress first rate.
(Note: the baby, first mentioned was Lola, who was born Jan.28,1884.
Aunt Eveline was Mrs.James Root, her maiden name was Coffman)
(Martha is the wife of George Colvin
[illegible] maiden name [illegible]

#12

Galena 3rd of June (no year)

Dear Sister

I have just bid Tom good bye again he left on this evenings train. he is better I presume that you expected to hear he was but he is far from well yet looks miserable enough. he hadent sat up only long enough to have his bed made until the day I came. he had the billiers fever the way he happened to be home he came home on furlough and was taken sick the morning he was to leave. they havent been mustered into service yet but expect to every day. Louese is pretty well. O dont you believe I went to hear the minstrels the night I got here. had a good laugh beside listenint to some splendid good music it really paid for going

I guess that is all

Sister Loko

dont you dare to eat up all those strawberries.

(Note - Many years later, Chestina wrote that Tom enlisted in Meadville, Pa. she thot it Company 111, Pa. Infantry)

#13

1871? see #121

Andover Jan.9 18/ (year not complete)

Dear Sister

For the firsttime I take my pen in hand to address you if I remember right as an egld saing its better late than never I think I in time yet. now for the news I returned home in September found the folks usuogly well but found the old homested looking down in the mouth so I went for S.H.Maffit for a settlement. I worked for six weeks before I got any settlement at all but finloy came out all right. think when an other man like Mr got the farm it will be when we are all cragey Mother and myself are keeping house all a lone Mothers helth is good and mine is better than good. Thom was down last fall stade about two weeks. Rube is in Clevelant in the stone Coal business he is doing well Truko is in the store yet and Will is buing up Apples the rest of the folks in Andover are all as far as my nolege extends((he probably meant to say are all well)) pleas excuse A short letter this tim and look for a longer one next time love to all

from a brother and friend

W.D.Root

I received that writing all right

((Note- This was from Wallace D., called "Walk"))

All following letters are in chronological order

#14

Andover Jan.5((evidently 1862-a c post script)
Sabbath eve.

Dear Sister Tine

I received yours of the 21 inc. with the greatest of pleasure imaginable as well as my Christmas present thank you a thousand times, I think it a perfect beauty, and as perfectly suited with it as also am I with hers but I will leave it for her to say as to her Christmas presents. I had calculated to get me a hood this winter, but could find none that suited me (they all tell me that I am as particular as an old maid, but you of course dont believe this assertion for it is an absurd idea) and had settled down to the conviction that I should have to go without - judge of my surprise (and a very pleasant surprise it was I assure you) when I learned that I might expect one from you. My bed of news is very low at the present time few and far between are the bits of news we get hold of now days - it is all war and I presume you hear all of the war news as soon as we. there is quite an excitement about Iowa concerning Ireland, but I dont apprehend there is any danger of Thans having to go. there is one sad bit of news I have to tell you. Philena Willins is dead. she was buried on New Years day. she had been sick a long time. I shoul like very much to have had my share of that turky Christmas I shouldnt have had any serious objections to some of those peaches and pickles & sausage wouldnt want bad I reckon. we didnt even have as much as a chicken Christmas but we had them New Years, and Christmas I spent at school and N.Y. ((evidently New Year's)) at home Lisso Enos had a party Friday evening after C-had a very nice time indeed Dirt had rather of a hard time he was the escort of eight different ladies, pretty well for him dont you think so? I presume you hear from Tom quite as often as we so I can tell you no news concerning him we havent heard from him very lately. I think your dress very pretty I got no one this winter. I will enclose a piece. you say that it is fifteen cts.per yard there it is only 12 here as yet that I know of - Lay Ann is here now she is going to Elmsmen before long she requested me to ask you to write to her, and she would answer. we are having a very good school this winter Dirt commenced going but he thinks it impossible to content himself in school this winter. old A- is so dull he cant hardly stand it I shouldnt wonder if next spring would find him minus those parts. Mas health is pretty good this winter for her - Betsey Brown is boarding here and going to school that boy Louis low I should like to see you must make up your mind to come home before long so I can when you read this letter you must consider that - the boys are making all the noise imaginable and Duke runs against my elbows every two minutes and make an allowance for this bad writing and the many mistakes I dont doubt but what you will find. Tell Milo and Lorenzo I really wish they would write to me it would please me exceedingly to hear from them. I received a letter from them a short time ago and a very welcome one it was I assure you I will answer as soon as I can but it is getting late and I think I had better retire and go to bed as tomorrow is washing day, I will close by bidding you good night, pleasant dreams love to all.

Sister Jane

Monday morn Daughter of Henry and Almira King
Born Jan.5/62 Andover Ashtabula co. Ohio

Camp Pierpont
January 4th /62

Dear Sister Tine

Your last was duly received awoke this morning found the ground covered with snow it is the third snow storm we have had and the only one that has staid on any it is the coldest day we have had Curs (?) is on guard it makes him hump some too keep warm but is much more pleasant than A rainy day for such business. New Years and christmas have past and dont see as my stockings are any fuller than common though havent taken them off for A couple of weeks too see noticed some holes in them this morning will hafto try the Sailors way of darning that is too back stitch across just back of the holes. had very easy times during the holy days only had one drill during the week besides the guarding and fatigue which takes from eight to four A day from A Company. one of that old turkey legs or A peace of stuffed pig wouldent went bad too spent some the remaing leasure moments on. not feeling satisfied too stay in Camp christmas I procured A pass and went too the City of Washington hold on here the load of wood has come shall hafto hump or shant get my share. have got the word each Company gets one load A d may imagine there is A scratching when it comes have formaly had too book it about A mild find it some cases. but I was talking about going too the City put in A busy day the streets were foul all day appeared some different than at camp injoide A good dinner guess I made it pay all around at least the calves of my legs felt as though I had the next day. had A review? of Our Division last sunday Govenor Curtain (?) made A speach was cmed mostly too those in the Pralns Will fight complimented them very high for their courage and great success. I being on guard the day before had A chance to look on this time find it is A good sight and much more pleasant than being in the ranks. the last report of the Pralns Will battle stated that the rebles loss was two hundred and thirty much larger than was supposed. thought by that you wrote there was A misunderstanding about my being in the fight was on guard at the Camp hard it but dident get A smell. General T.C.C. Ord of Our Brigade received A New Years present by the Officers of the Brigade that cost two hundred and eighty dollars after which He made a short speach but was right too the point. endid by saying judging by the past the Rebles never will stand (?) A charge if we run after Them they will run and all We have got too do is too run faster. He was formly A Capt of an Artillery Company of regulars that is now Camped with Our Brigade our Aglutant Gen and ? the Camp are also Regulars. you wanted too know where devision we was in taught I had rote it A Cooks trick if I have not are in McCalls Devision T.C.C. Ord's (?) Brigaid are in the right wing of the third Brigaid. James and Meury Blanchard belong to the eighty third Pa Reg Gen. Patrick Devision Gen Butterfields Brigaid. havent heard from them since I rote too Rube their Regiment had no orders upper new years eve supose they had A hard? time. Grey (?) received A letter from J.E.(?) Hadley said the Andover Folks had sent A box of Butter cheese dried fruit &c wont we have some time when that gotes here guess we will play newyears A spell. I have been having more eyes for A week back find it rather of a hard remedy dont trouble me much through the day but soon as it comes night can hardly see. the rest of the boys are all right with Sarah? Remembrances of the week. Tell Uncle [illegible]
Ty cross say it is time stop remains too all good night answer often as ever your affectionate brother

Ben

(Note- Exceedingly hard to decipher)

Jackson Feb 9/62

Dear Cousin

I received your letter about three weeks ago I was very glad to hear from you I had about made up my mind that you had either moved away or forgotten me & was quite surprised to get a letter from you! My family are all well at present. Went is out to the neighbours & Albert is gone to bed & Lucia is gone & it is time she was asleep but she is an owl for sight always awake when she has orders to be asleep: Avery's folks have got a boy about the age of my baby he is as tall as a hay pole (!) so they have got two children the same as I have: Avery has enlisted in the army; he went to camp Dennison between christmas & new years & stayed 10 days & came home & has been home ever since: Missie lives in the south part of our house this winter where Capps folks used to live: they do not calculate to stay with us till spring, Ave has got a sore toe is the reason he is at home he talks of going back soon I have a young girl living with me this winter she works for her board so you see I am not at much expense this winter but I expect to have a boarder next spring and am going to have a good girl to help me: since I have commenced this letter Henry Forman has come from camp Dennison: he has just had the measles in camp & has come home on a furlough of 20 days: his Battery moves the 14 of this month but he and some others are not able to go with them so they have come home now and will follow on after their Battery to fort Leavenworth & Ave will go with the rest: Our folks were here from Monday untill wednesday they were all well & they said that your folks were well as far as they know any thing about them. They said that Leander Planchard was killed in a skirmish away down in Kansas a week or two ago he was in John Browns Regiment I presume you have heard all about it before this time: My Baby is 8 months Old and has got so she can creep a little: I reckoned you would be having some more by this time there is the most babys here in this place of any that I know of: there is one to almost every house it is getting to be the fassionable here in this place to raise babys I cant think of any news to write or anything else that will be at all interesting to you: write again soon & let me know how you get along

from your ever
loving cousin
F H Preston

I will send you a piece of my calico dress: I got it just before calico raised: calico is prety well up now
Mont & myself have been to two dances this winter & had a good time: have you forgot how to dance yet

((Note - don't know who this cousin was))

#17

Camp near Alexandra

March 17th /62

Dear Sister Tine

I received your welcom letter last night it had been some

time since I had corresed looking for one but think it nearly made me in length for I read and (and kept delay so till I began too think like the Irishman that some one had cut the end of it off [illegible] many [illegible] among those that are so reading it some wanted too know wat I had got there others if I got letters by the post (((this seems ote)) have a sigal (or position since you last had from me in fact I've been A general movement of the Army of the Potomac of the last week and not without effect without the shedding of blood one of Jackson's strongest and most strongly pointed has fallen into our possession. We left Camp [illegible] at one oclock at night found our selves within eight miles of Front Royal at Bluntons (?) mill fifteen miles from Camp. found the road had after leaving the pike the artillery being about five if you had passed allong at that time would seem I have strings of Sabers marched in four file one I dident see the end at any time anyway it rained most of the night but by the help of some running fires kept quite comfortable during the night expecting an early start for Centerville but now come I in the morning that Centerville was evacuated and they were also leaving Longstreet went that A deep battle it appears they got wind of the great move out and [illegible] on the safe side by leaving out of sight. We halt some length hours in the morning as three days rations and had not been out expected stop of A day or two was lovely [illegible] Sabers gave themselves up one of them second lieutenant marched the equal in prisoner order. also took one Rebel guy had previously sworn allegiance too the Union found in his possession the money of all the generals and Gal of the Army on the Potomac the inhabitance were nearly all -- (U [illegible] ((I [illegible] [illegible] A [illegible]))

ay) dident see A [illegible] that was able too carry A receipt short left Camp near Bluntons (?) mill fifteen just at night without A [illegible] where we were going too but started [illegible] ? [illegible] only were three or four miles nearly all of Lefalle division [illegible] on one hill it was quite a sight the tents were seen out too A different one than they formally had been instead of keeping on took A different road the next day and after marching all day in the rain (came within four miles of where we started was at one time within three miles of Camp Pierpont it rained without hardly stopping till twelve oclock was wet enough & I tell you Col And(?) and myself were in quite that night but as we dident start till seven the next day at seven had time too get well dried. are now within five miles of Alexandria expecting soon too take A side on A boat

((Note - The rest of this is gone)- evidently it was from Son))

Newell Apr 2..62

Dear Brother,

Letter has just been a short one a letter that you wrote me in answer to one that I wrote you before I was sick. It is the first I got I have seen of it as I was so sick at the time it was received that they said nothing about it to me. [illegible] I should not have [illegible] it, as I was out of [illegible] out of the [illegible] for [illegible] I tell you that I was very glad that [illegible] so long a time, and that I was a going to answer it for I wanted to hear from you so bad.

she said she wished I would. Father wrote you in reply to the one that you wrote about

(Note - This letter is '63 instead of '62 see [illegible])

#19

Camp near Hanover
Opposite Fredericksburg [illegible]

May 19th /63

Dear Sister Sis

I received your as ever welcom letter friday. Ere you have heard of our advance will not be surprised too hear of our being a little further south unless it should be that we have no got further that way, but by the weight of the sun begin to realise we have been moving northwest. [illegible], after A march of three days (from Catlitts Station) found our selves where we now are or within two miles as have moved further back from town the weather being fine had a pleasant march was not disturbed by the Guerillias as all those coming before and after us. cutting the throats of two of A New York Reg. that came in before us, hanging one of them up by the foot in A tree. was five taken prisoners and two from the twelph Pa that was left back guarding the rale road.were taken near where we Camped the second night were Cavalry sent in persuit but they was forid cross the Rappahannock a few minits before the Cavalry came up.then A pity they did not been a little faster and lesched the cowardly crosses. on the Rebels retreat across the River at Fredericks Burg burned the Bridges which would of hendred our progress if it was desined we should keep on but I know not whether that was the design or not but think by the actions of things we will remain where we are I A spell yet. A pontoon bridge was soon stretched across the River after Sefanels Corps arived here and are also building A Rail Road Bridge which will soon be completed are men detailed from each Reg every day too work on it. I worked day before yesterday noting out timber about two miles the Railroad running it down by hand being mostly downward grade would run it self most of the way giving us a chance to ride. our Troops occupy the City of Fredericksburg it is A fine looking City is or was of A bout seventeen thousand inhabitants but looks some what deserted at present. heard some of the Sitizens offerd too bet quite A sum that Rebel flag would again float over the City before A week but guess there is not much danger. although some deserters that have crossed our lines say the Rebels are in considerable force within A few miles, but dont believe there is enough this side of Richmond too make A stand. Guess I heard about the Battle of Pittsburg Landing and have since heard of A number others although with considerable loss on the Union side victory appears to crown our move. the Rebels defeat at New orleans yorktown Williamsburg Norfolk and the loss of their Ironclad together with other victories would leave too cast A shadow over the rebels same of the river leaders built in the commencement but the fall of Richmond Country (which is not a great weis off) will make it still more dark. the two days papers state Kenl. Pole is within three miles of Corinth it has been reported taken twice and think by that third time will soon come. General [illegible] has been promoted too Major General takes command of two brigades of Infantry, and one of Cavalry. if there is any fighting too be had in Virginia he will find it Gen [illegible] has resigned (all like taken his place . We have the most pleasant camp now we have had .(well see the effect of this (?) getting half of this)- ((and written in another hand to this)- [illegible] my lemonade will soon - [illegible]) [illegible] plenty of leaves too build

quarters have shade trees in front of nearly all the quarters and at the end of the street an arch built by setting down poles from twenty to thirty feet high spreading between with evergreen according to [illegible] of the Co. some fine specimen of Soldiers work I tell you.

Dont see as there is much more room on this sheet for scribbling so I will begin to think about closing [illegible] can do as you are sending it would like the reading of it but am afraid I would get them scalded and if we should have too have much work to save danger of getting them wet. write you soon as before
As ever your affectionate brother Tom
My best wishes for all

(When he was [illegible] Mr. [illegible])

#30 see # 21 for first letter from hospital

The same old general
Hospital Portsmouth
Va. Aug.16th/62

Dear Brother Rube

It has been more than a month since I last wrote you but as I wrote too like not long since [illegible] you have probably seen it in all the same there haven't [illegible] to write [illegible] since the seven days battle before Richmond until the late battle between Pathers and Pope by all accounts was no small affair. How long before estimated fifteen thousand the Yankee under Pope. [illegible] from [illegible] the [illegible] that arrived here for by report the most that [illegible] Jackson was coming from the Lower where [illegible] the [illegible] the take the [illegible] Jackson it was always a [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] as [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] of us. where [illegible] if it had been [illegible] on us it [illegible] the [illegible] over. [illegible] before it had been [illegible] joyful news to [illegible] now in Pendleton [illegible] the last [illegible] was [illegible] making the trip [illegible] the last [illegible] received with special [illegible] it has seemed [illegible] without in the north. [illegible] fed. Whether yesterday [illegible] in the first call [illegible] were then all but the will [illegible] Late Pritchard [illegible] Late Pressey is dead died in the [illegible] hospital here) and Pete Hamilton [illegible] with the fever [illegible] died at Dalton [illegible]. Joseph is resigned and went to Richmond and died at Dalton [illegible] getting along well I feel better than when I last wrote but the doctor says it will be some time before I can will be well not [illegible] of good news write soon my love and best wishes to all your wife and self included

Tom

#21

General Hospital
Portsmouth Va.
August 8/62

Dear Sister Tine

It has been some time since I have wrote you dont know but you have given up looking for a letter by this time so it will be something new too you but any now is generally the news [illegible] wish I could say there was something [illegible] here but [illegible] bread and tea for breakfast the same for supper [illegible] for dinner with the addition of a little rice and is filled in between meals [illegible] about all that is [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] and the visits to [illegible] almost every day from the [illegible] some of them being quite [illegible] and good looking. but I tell you [illegible] this is no place for me but suppose I shall have stand it a spell yet although I should feel quite well if it wasnt for my legs [illegible] of my legs at all [illegible] first [illegible] think to shall soon be able to return to the Regt. but [illegible] I wish I was able too [illegible]. By all accounts the Army is living at present the best since [illegible] In letter [illegible] this (illegible) [illegible] their rations [illegible] onions etc having [illegible] in the [illegible] before [illegible] at present but cannot tell how long it will remain so [illegible] [illegible] is sufficient [illegible] on [illegible] expecting [illegible] they have got in the River. [illegible] were all well [illegible] a [illegible]. [illegible] will have to close this will be too late for the mail write soon my love and best wishes too all

[illegible]
Dan

[illegible] General Hospital
Portsmouth [illegible]
(note- I [illegible] [illegible], Pa.)

[illegible]

[illegible] Date (1862) [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] noticed in the paper to [illegible] this week the departure of the soldiers. Oh! dear I am so sorry, for you [illegible] really in hopes that we would see him before he went. [illegible] is feeling very much disappointed because she hasnt received a letter from him, as he promised to write to her before he started, if he didnt come home. [illegible] write to him what will [illegible] to you [illegible] there or come here [illegible] now it would be a real nice [illegible] if you could and I guess you can if you only [illegible]. [illegible] had a letter from [illegible] has gone back to his Reg. and he said he had been sent to [illegible] and all the soldiers that [illegible] thought [illegible] for some time were going to be discharged so I think there may be a possibility of his getting home [illegible] Richards [illegible] and [illegible] are doing [illegible] this fall, [illegible] is in Philadelphia he was shot through his body. Aunt Caroline (we had a letter from her) has been down to see him she didnt bring him home for she said he had the best of care and was getting along as well as could be expected. she said that (?) [illegible] health wasnt very good and they talked of coming to see us. If they did [illegible] would come home You wanted to know what I [illegible] now, I [illegible] had but very little I [illegible] bonnet done over (soft straw) it is trimmed with [illegible] the face flowers are pink and purple and [illegible] it is quite a [illegible] [illegible] this winter [illegible] you [illegible]

like to see you I presume you look younger now than I do. I have [illegible] dress so I sent you it to please it [illegible] velvet and I wear it with a jacket. I get me a [illegible] of a dark lilac color. [illegible] fashionable here nine in [illegible] small [illegible] buttons [illegible] your pattern. I shall [illegible] quite late and I have got lots of studying to do tomorrow. Time I wish you would send me some [illegible] if I could [illegible] good [illegible] besides [illegible] Then should [illegible] I will try and get [illegible] right off. [illegible] delay [illegible] love to [illegible]

Loving sister

Lolo

[illegible] this [illegible]

[illegible] 1862

Dear Sister,

[illegible] receive your letter that it would remain this long [illegible] I dodge [illegible] I have not [illegible] scratch off a [illegible] not least, [illegible] mother ever since I received your letter [illegible] go to school this fall, [illegible] Mr. Thomas [illegible] a teacher, but not [illegible] where he [illegible] The school is very large, [illegible] not quite [illegible] haven't got [illegible] days. [illegible] nights and mornings that we get along [illegible] very lately the last we heard was [illegible] couldn't see as he [illegible] we don't know where he is [illegible] moved he didn't know where but there would be no use [illegible] until we heard from them again. He has only written [illegible] wound was it was much worse than he at first supposed it to be [illegible] paining all the time, but [illegible] return to the [illegible]. Tom says he has [illegible] talk as though he had [illegible] about going back to the [illegible] able to return to [illegible] go after him if he [illegible]

So John has enlisted. Did dear I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that there wouldnt any more of my friends have to go. I have seen it was necessary - that the call should be promptly responded to, but I am a very selfish mortal I[illegible] all the time and have dreadfully to have my friends exposed to such constant dangers, but still I realized by any means have them act a cowardly part, and Louisa what does she propose doing. John said if he could get a furlough he would bring her down here I [illegible] long to see, for I should so very much like to see him before he goes. I would give anything in the world if Louisa could come and stay with us while he is gone for it is so dreadful lonesome here. I could write to her but I am in hopes I shall see her before long therefore I will wait. I for one think this war looks pretty dark just now there may be light behind the cloud. It seems to me that the no nearer the end than it was a year ago but perhaps [illegible] in the [illegible]. I guess I feel a little blue just now and as I am [illegible] that I think I had better bid you good night and finish my letter some other time.

(note- There is no signature, but it was from Lola. Both this letter and [illegible] were written on patriotic stationery - a folder with a seal of the Union in the upper left hand corner, and a narrow red band across the top of the sheet, a narrow blue one down the right side of the first sheet.)

[illegible] 24

October 1[illegible]th 1862

Dear Old Gal ((He means gal, this is to his wife))

Your letter was duly received I was very glad to hear that you had arived safe and sound all but your [illegible] which is nothing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are nothing strange [illegible] as well as [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] and leave their baggage in Chicago. I presume you have it all right before now. We are getting along very well in the old [illegible] business. We have our meals about as follows breakfast about [illegible] A.M. Dinner 1 P.M. supper [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at that I dont know but we shall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] then we can get our grub when we please

John was up last Sunday and we had a can of oysters and a general good time baked some of your sweet potatoes

The Regiment left Camp [illegible] last [illegible] for Cincinnati in the biggest kind of a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but they went away with 3 cheers the [illegible] left Friday and the [illegible] left [illegible], John says the [illegible] is a good Regiment but there is no company that can [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] their [illegible] chickens turkeys etc. By the way your chickens are growing fine some of the young roosters are almost as large as the old one. I think if we get to keeping bachelors hall we shall [illegible] some of them. [illegible] came back to [illegible] after the Regiment left I dont know what she intends to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and is getting [illegible] she appears quite melancholy since [illegible] left. do you know where [illegible] [illegible] is I would like to hire him to come out and work for us find out where he is and speak to him or send him word if you please that we will give him a good job [illegible] [illegible] round in the shop we are drove very hard with work and are very short of help we have never had such a [illegible] for work [illegible] [illegible] since we have had the mill running as now.

I conclude [illegible] would think it was a [illegible] of a [illegible] trick to leave him a alone it was rather lonesome for a few days after he left being so accustomed to having him close to my [illegible] but just tell him how do you [illegible] [illegible] his [illegible] [illegible] is all right and his little [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] engine and wheels at the shop [illegible] [illegible] so [illegible] write [illegible] soon [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] all the [illegible] except one little [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] that is [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] all right.

You tell Mr.Shipman to keep hands off or I will have a lone to pick when I see him again.

You didnot say whether you surprised your folks or not and how they like the looks of the boy when you write again say whether he has seen the water wheel or not write again soon give my respects to the folks

Yours truly

[illegible]

[illegible]

Warren October 24th 1862

Our wife

I received your welcome letter this morning and was very much gratified to learn that you were enjoying yourself so well. I was in hopes to know the exact of your stay but the last end of your letter [illegible] I realize you [illegible] directed and still be long to stay [illegible] bear in mind that you have quite a good distance to visit you [illegible] and get well by [illegible] stay [illegible] will not get there [illegible] visit [illegible] as I said before I would say, and like to have you [illegible] The boys are all down yet [illegible] and I have just the [illegible] hard for them [illegible] have not [illegible] back in the [illegible] at Lamore ((?)) [illegible] last evening John stayed in the shop one week after thisweek when I shall be through with the whole Water race I hope

I have received one letter from John since they left camp at [illegible] was well and in good spirits. Louisa I believe has received [illegible] letters from the [illegible] well [illegible] received a letter from [illegible] to the [illegible] being in the fight in Maryland the letters were [illegible] on the same day the 17th Ills left [illegible] consequently they could not have been in the fight if you should have seen one before the 17th of October as we have since heard in that [illegible] and you would like to hear that I have not [illegible] it is another late and I must close please excuse my thanks for the last letter I received but you hold writing please write more frequently on the receipt of this if you donot come yourself.

Yours truly

H. [illegible]

[illegible] A

Telegram over Illinois and MISSISSIPPI TELEGRAPH COMPANY
Cotton Lines (J.[illegible] Cotton, Pres., Memphis, Ill.
To Telegraph from Andover via Mineville Pa 4th 1862 ((Recently Dec.4))
H.H.[illegible]

Louis is very ill and, sick come immediately

(.H.[illegible] H.[illegible]
(Note- he died Dec.7 from diphtheria, which they called malignant croup- trial in Warren Ill.) ex

#26

Camp Baird at Danville Ky Dec.11th 1862

Brother Than

I received your welcome letter last night was glad to hear that were all well and still doing well in the shop but that is quite a joke on the about down the farming and Old Ladd and Lorens cattle in general told Orton about it he said he would do what was right about it tell Irene what you said and showed him the bill which he said was correct and that he would give the order on Denlee but he said that Denlee would have paid it without his order things are about the same down this way only there is a little excitement about Morgan coming back here we dried all our ammition today calculate to give him a warm reception if he comes this way but guess there is not much danger however received a letter from Louisa tonight she says you have gone to Ohio on account of Lewis's being veery sick here you may find him better who did you leave the business in charge of suppose John has not yet come back so you could leave it with him my health has been poor for two or three weeks but dident want to let Louisa know it am some better just now you will please write soon and let me know how sick Lewis is and what the matter is and how long you may have to stay if you think you may have to stay any length of time I will try and go up until you get back dont know but I may yet have to resign on account of my health anyway can resign and draw what is due me on my way home which is about four hundred and twenty five dollars have had good advise but hardly want to do it if I can have health now you must write soon as you get this not a letter from Thomas he is going to get his discharge he is pretty bad off give my best wishes to all wrote to father few days ago from your affectionate brother

Reuben

#27

Dear Friend

Dec.30th 1862

You will pardon me for not writing before I know when I tell you I never know of little Louisas death till yesterday as Mother thought she had written to me about it and had not.

So little thought when you were here that your visit would terminate so sadly. do you remember how Lo and Artill played ? first as full as they could be, enjoying themselves so well. how we shall miss the little fellow in thought we sympathise with you deeply as much as one can with another that has not been alike afflicted. your loss cannot we cannot know. please write us all particulars. the children talk of him all the time. I think of you, your desolate home in every nook and corner of which you see reminders of the last one.

Father and Mother are spending a few days with us now. are going to stay with Mrs.Handsome Flanders a few weeks her health is very poor this winter. that delightful weather we do have. you must write us all about your visit. I hope it will be pleasant weather next time you visit us so we can ride around some we have a nice open Carriage now and find it much pleasanter getting around. I made a thanksgiving dinner this year. the bill of fare consisted of Chicken pie,cherry and pumpkin pie,potatoes squash and turnip,raised biscuit,white cake current preserves, pickled apples,cheese and coffee. we Xmas made a Christmas dinner she had roast turkey, potatoes,turnips, pickled cabbage and chickens pie, ladies and jelly cake,current jelly,celery,biscuit and coffee. We are all

going to Mrs.Flanders New Years. I shall be 17 years old that day. Mr. Metcalf was 21 last September, so you see we are most "full grown". I had a very pretty work basket for my Christmas present, Anna had a pin with a blue middle, a wool delain ((?)) sack, a pair of Zephyr wool mittens with fancy tops and a china red ridinghood. Artell had a china fox, little brass bell and a drum on which he can play several pieces and is much delighted with it. Give my love to Mrs.Paddock when you see her, and do go down. you must not stay close at home and brood over your sorrow but go out as much as possible it will do you good. Mr. Metcalfe wishes to be remembered to both with much respect, and believe me your friend

Approximate June 1, 1863 Jane A. Metcalfe

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Jericho Feb.the 1st 1863

Dear Cine it is with a feeling of embarrassment that I take my pen to address you. Feeling that I may prove onsteed of comforting you as I have never been placed in circumstances to know your feelings therefore I cannot feel for you as others can. But I think of you daily and think lonely indeed must be the hours that hang heavily on your hands. Oh ! there must be a dreadfull void in your life of which you must bear bravely up and try to feel all is for the best. your little one has escaped (we know not what) at least the sins of this wicked world while his little heart was clean and innocent.

The consequences of this dreadfull war which is raging through our once peaceffull land is the truly heart rending thousands of poor fellows cast almost daily into the presence of their creator and we fear many of them are not so well prepared as little Louis.

We read the accounts of our battles and list of killed with almost indifference unless we have some friend in that regiment. but there are thousands of hearts that bleed that are far remote from the battle fields (?! may this international strug le cease. God above can see the end.

The death of Theodore Wade and the arival of your brother Thomas has been announced to you ere this I presume. Lela gets on finely with her school though she gotts pretty tired some times. my brother from the 2nd Ohio Cavalry has been here on a visit of 10 days and are recruiting at Columbus Ohio now.

I heard by the way of Thomas that Louisa was in N.Y. it seems strange she did not call at Andover.

Henry has bought a farm in the south east part of Richmond and we move in the spring he got 100 acres four 11 $ per acre and they say it is splendid land but a little given to the Ague that is the only exception

My health has not been good for a week I took a severe cold which settled on my lungs and was afraid of the lungfever but am better now the rest of my family are very well write soon and let me hear from you very soon and all the details of your homeward journey.

Good bye respectfully yours

Mary J.Bailey ((maybe Bailey))

Angel Louis

1st- Lay aside these little shoes with [illegible]
His tiny feet will never need them more.
And put away the little hat his golden hair
Will never curl beneath it as of yore.
And in the drawer place the little clothes we wore
Dedicated with tears ye cannot fail to shed,
One little robe served well to lay him down
So peaceful with the calmly sleeping dead.

2nd- Lay all his playthings too in some sacred nook
So many precious memories round them cling
That ye oft will linger there and tearful look
At these least valued yet most cherished things.
But when with tender silent thoughts ye lay
These dear mementoes of your darling one
So cheerily by, think not his moldering clay
And these are all that's left of him who's gone.

3rd- No! no his little feet are treading even now
O'er the bright fields of an eternal spring
Oft culling the immortal flowers that grow
While his sweet song is one that cherubs sing.
Earth hath its trials and its fearful cares
To those who toil along the path of life-
A path so full of pitfalls and of snares-
A path with little joy and so much sorrow rife.
4th- Sweet little Loris hath escaped them all
While his young heart was innocent and pure
Gone in the morning ere the shadows fall,
Safe from the tempter's fond and fatal lure
In His arms lo; yonder by the gates of light
See, the Good Shepherd folds your little lamb.
Look up ye mourning ones, faith gives this vision bright
Undoubting faith that bids the soul be calm.

#78 dated 2-3-63
79 " 2-13-63
80 " 2-22-63
81 " 3-22-63

Howell Apr. 27 63 ((Michigan))

Dear Brother,

Mother has just been a showing me a letter that you wrote me in answer to one that I wrote you before I was sick. It is the first that I have seen of it as I was so sick at the time it was received that they said nothing about it to me, and if they had I should not have sensed it as I was out of my head the most of the time for three weeks or more. I told her that I was very glad that she showed it me after so long a time, and that I was a going to answer it, for I wanted to hear from you so bad. She said she wished I would. Mother wrote you in reply to the one that you wrote about little Loises death and we have not heard from you since. Whose fault is it, yours or the mailservers ? It does not matter much only that we like to hear from you, for every time that you do not answer our letters I shall bother you with another one. We received a letter from John this week, he is well. Sarah and I have just been answering it. He is a good boy to write. He writes good long letters, I presume you get some of them. He does not write that he gets homesick if he does he has to much sense to whine about it.

I received a letter from Libby this week, she and her husband are well, she enjoys married life. Noah and family are well. [illegible] is well and so is little Jennie, she is a darling little child, we all love her deerly. [illegible] sometimes

with you deeply in your bereavement, and so we all do. We had spoken about his a great many times and looked for the time to come when we could see him, and it was a sense of very great grief to hear of his death, but such is life.

I am attending school at Mrs.Barfoots Seminary. It is my intention to graduate I commence my summer school in about three weeks on to teach where I have taught three terms before. I get 12 shillings per week. Sarah closed the winter school that I commenced before I was taken sick, last Friday. She has taken a summer school only one mile and a half from home, gets two dollars per week. I have company and am making lots of mistakes and have spoilt filled my sheet and I do not think I have written half that I want to.

Willy Jackett

Father is quite smart now he earns over a dollar per day. I wrote to John today that I would pay him interest on the money that I borrowed of him when I was sick, but do not know but that it was you that sent it instead of him whoever it was I will pay as soon as I can get it.
I meant to have asked you if you would not send me your Photograph and Irises if you have it.
[illegible]
[illegible]

Andover Feb.19th/64

Dear Sister Tina

It seems a long long time since last I attempted writing a letter but I havent felt equal to the task before and hardly now for I am weak and nervous yet. your good long letter I received the week before I was taken sick and so was prevented from answering it forthwith as I intended. I can hardly give you its equal in length this time but perhaps some time I may trouble you with a long letter or what will be worse yet for you a long visit. I have indeed had serious thoughts of coming to you in the spring. all advise me to go they say t'will be the best thing I can do for my health which has been miserable for the past year. I dont know of any one that will be going that way in the spring and I hardly like the idea of going alone. Betsy Bailey is going to Michigan but I couldent go farther with her than Cleveland or perhaps Toledo. I want you to write right off and tell me what I had best do about it.

Pa is able to be around and do a few chores, but he dont gain very fast it will be a long time I fear before he will get entirely over his hurt if he ever does. Tis the greatest wonder ever was that he didnt down sick. She never could have stood it, if the neighbors hadent been so good . there was some one here all of the time ready to do any thing that was necessary. The boys are well, they have been cheated out of their school this winter they were getting short ready to go after we got better when the school master unconscionably wound up. the most of the scholars had left the school and the teacher thought it best to leave before he was left quite alone.

There is prospects of a general move in the spring. Warren Strickland has bought Elias Smiths farm. I havent learned where he is going (Ohio). Mr. Chipman has sold out to Don Pickett and David Porter goes to Ashtabula. There has been a number of deaths this winter the latest were Uncle Mrs.Leonard and Abbie Marvin.

And the marriages gross you have heard of them all of our school mates you see are

getting married off poor they think their time is now or never t'wont do to wait until the soldiers come home.

Well Dear I believe I shall have to call this a letter and let it go, for I am getting most awful tired and nervous. now I shall look for an answer forthwith, dont disappoint me

Good bye, loving sister

My love to Them Lohe
tell him I will answer his letter sometime

N.B. one important item I had nearly forgotten to mention that is that Allen Blanchard has at last got home. he looks very natural only perhaps a little older-

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March 18th ((no year)) 1863

Well Dear I intended sending this letter too day but as it was not finished when the mail Boy went out this morning have got off finishing it so it would not go till morning. have spent an other day in our new Camp find it not rather muddy otherwise quite A pleasant place are in sight of the Capitol can also see the boats they come up too Alexandria Fort Ward is just above us it is A large and splendid Fort is seven guns mounted on the side towards us and getting Slocum's Devision onto boats fast as possible. Hooker's Devision went down yesterday Sedgwick's I think has gone on too day he will not go till the last as he is on the right wing and they have conveyed sliping from the left will probly not go till the last of the week Hoffelland is at Alexandria superintending the loading of the ships is also going himself and take the command in his own hands. Dreamed an addition too Our load too day as I suppose they thought we stood weighing the and too well with forty pounds so he came out all right after A weekly trial of it so they made an addition of sixty rounds of eating ((?)(which makes us out A hundred rounds A good load for A mule. A Table Talker came across Our lines the other day was pressed into the service had been in the battle Tells Theff and at Fort Donelson said the Rebel army is completely demolished had lost all confidence in their selves as Officers. it seems too me they can not hold out much longer have already lost their strongest holds and victories on our side are taking place almost every day. in their flight from New M_ _ _ _ ? they left everything the yesterdays papers stated Island N ? is also there also that Yanks had too taken possession of ? but I suppose you got the news soon as me . you wanted to know if we tented too weather here tented in two tents side by side all winter except Bo hasent been with Us since he started caught bise Company I dont remember who that person was that supposed us but it wasent Wesley Meadle as we have not seen him think it must of been Jerome Wilkins have also seen Henry Wilkins James Blanchard Chas Gibbs he is now in Jackson on A furlow on account of the measles. Dear I should be overjoyed too receive yours Louisa fotagra as I could carry them without any trouble far as news are come near we get them but you get any papers with stories in that would interest us send them on as the amusement A good share of the soldiers play cards but that dont apply too my mess play ? and there A gang of officers as too cards I haven't seen any of that hard tyes here A week ago Jo Lidget got so too walk on his leg got the rest were all well

((no name signed, but it was from Henry))

Nathaniel

Your kind and lively interesting letter of the 11th inst. was received last night. We were most anxious to learn that our beloved son John was not killed or even wounded in the awful battle of Chickamauga. We values advertisers you sent me truly, contains a long list of the killed and wounded of the brave 96 but really did say "or die". We had supposed that John was either killed or taken prisoner or he would have written - He wrote me on the 11th just two days before the battle. Little did we then think he would so soon be engaged in one of the most desperate battles of the war. We are thankful that he survived the battle.

The 82nd Ill. Infantry, was in the same brigade to which John belonged and lost a good many. Wilson was in that fog. and has not been heard from since the battle. Wilsey is a younger brother of James T. Wilsey, Mary Ann's husband. James was taken prisoner at the battle of Gettysburg and sent to Richmond. Mary has recently rec'd. a short letter from him.

Several boys went from this vicinity in the 11th.82nd with whom John was acquainted. John mentioned them in his last letter of the 11th ultimo and said he had a long talk with Wilsey. He might before he wrote. John gave me directions to send him a box of things by express which I was intending to do immediately on leaving from him after the battle. But I have not time to write much tonight but I wanted to send something in reply to your unusual letter. I will just state that your Aunt Powell died in Thornfield last Nov. and Mathew died in Illinois in six (6) weeks after the death of his mother. Mathew had the Typhoid fever. Jemsia wrote me soon after her mother died and I replied. She was very lonely.

Mary Ann is keeping house in this village and gets along well, for little Jennie is a noble little girl and has been here to see us today - Harriet was here yesterday with her little Jennie. Tom has been hoving timber a day or two past for a house for himself, and Willis rows along with him and carries his sorrows.

Today I have been getting up potatoes in and was somewhat tired . Oscar stayed out of school this P.M. to help. Henry I believe is round town somewhere trying to see how much work he can get (rid of). I have not seen him since Monday morning when he went away to help a farmer thresh just north of the village. I don't know as I should know him if I should meet him in the street especially if it was a little dark. He generally comes home about 11o'clock at night and for the most part stays till after breakfast if there is no wood to split. Oscar is quite willing and even anxious to work and spend the winter with you provided you send her the means - She's a pretty good lad.

M.S.Rodby

#30

Newell Sunday March 27th 1864 ((Michigan))

Nath'l.

Your communication of the 15th Inst. came to hand on the 18th containing the melancholy intelligence of John's death . It was a sad blow to us, but I cannot say it was entirely unexpected to me. It seemed to me that I should never see John again when I learned that he had enlisted but still I lived in hopes. You can truly say that you have lost a noble brother for John was indeed a noble brother and an obedient & dutiful son. Funeral services on the occasion of John's death will take place next Sabbath at the M.E.Church in this place Sermon by Rev. Mr.Bartlett.

Sarah returned to Newell and to our door last Thursday evening safely and in good spirits in the Porter Stage- and was glad after having so good visit with you and Christina to see us and her old home once more and we were all glad to see her again looking so well. She did not take us on Surprise for we heard that day that she was going to start Wednesday, and were expecting her Thursday night. Cora was quite a noisy house for awhile that evening, still at intervals on looking over John's things were spells of stillness and weeping.

Mary and little Jennie Silsby and Noah's wife and Willis Andy and their little Jennie were here to welcome Sarah on her arrival. Emily closed her winter school about two weeks ago and has been quite unwell part of the time since having sore throat and some fever. Mr.and Mrs.Tibbets came here last Monday and went home Wednesday P.M. the day before Sarah came home. Mr.John Tibbets a brother had been out to see them and they came to bring him back to Newell to finish out his visit at Mrs.Noel Huntingtons John Tibbets is keeping the Franklin House in Detroit Mrs.Huntington is their sister and had a daughter married in the morning and your mother and myself were invited to the Noel's in the P.M. to the *infare!*. The Bride and the groom left in the morning soon after Mr.Tibbets tied the knot.

We are having very fine weather now and the frost is most out of the ground but it is quite muddy of course - My hay is most gone for I have wintered three cows - I commenced the winter with two but after Noah enlisted I bot one of him as Harriet did not want the care of any cows. I recd.a letter from Noah about two weeks since Dated Camp Dallock. Noah is in the 5th Mich.infantry Co.E. I presume he would be glad to get a letter from you. Yes I know he would - write to him. Noah said "If I don't get a letter from some of you pretty soon I don't know but I shall enlist in the regular service for 5 years and get $400 bounty and the bounty on my other enlistment."

The above quotation is not quite verbatim but It is the Substance. By the time I write to you again I may have <u>some interesting</u> news to write you So you had better not delay long It is not Sarah who is going to be married

Our Respects to you and yours H.S.Loothby
((A very nicely written letter. He must have had a good education. John died in the a rebel prison, starved to death, at the age of 18))

#33 written on same folder as the above letter

Dear Brother and Sister

It is now sabath afternoon and rather late at that and I have seated myself to write a few lines to you to let you

[illegible] Father has written you a good and interesting one, I guess I shall not say very much that will interest you, nevertheless I shall try, and first about my journey. I was prospered with good luck all the way arrived in Chicago about half past four rode over to the Illinois Central Depot bought my tickets and got up at the Sturtevant House until about nine O'clock then went down to the depot checked my trunks through to Dexter and also a through ticket - went into the cars which were to start but nine forty five were all night arrived in Dexter at eight by the next morning, started in the stage for Howell at one O'clock and arrived here at seven in the evening and no trouble whatever found our folks all well and looking for me as you will see by Father's letter not quite so much of a surprise after all I have been some tired since I arrived here but am feeling as fast as I can the two little Jennies were very much pleased with their dolls and Willie with his book and if you could have seen them when they received them it would have done you enough good to pay the little Jennies dont at cost want to play with any thing but the new dolls but their Ma's are ambitious and have them for auntey to mention dolls. well it is getting so dark I can hardly see the line so I must hurry through tell Mr.Hart he knows all about him pretty near and if he dont come pretty soon, it will do no good that's so curious isn't it them. They all wanted to see you and expected to see your house in the album but I excused it for you the first thing that was inquired when I got in to the door was didn't Then and his wife come and Father says I guess they are never coming. My love to Mr.Hooker's family and Mrs Robins and all the good folks write soon and I will write a better letter next time S (Dorothy ((Sarah))

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Andover April 7th/64

Dear Brother Hart,

I received your letter "a long long time ago" you know of course the reason I havent answered it so will offer no excuses. We are all well with the exception of Pa and he is gaining has walked as far as the gate two or three times. I still continue to think I will journey west this spring. I will probably be with you the last of this month. I can come nearly all of the way through with Mrs.Moore she will stop somewhere between Chicago and Warren, and Lube wrote me that he thought he could meet me at Chicago, as he has got to go there on business some time this spring, so you see I will be nicely provided for. Grandma Parker is very sick she was taken with a fit followed by something like a lung fever. they think she will never be any better. so Hirt has gone. he wrote to us that he was to start the next day but dident say for where. do you know what his plans are. He just like him, always minds his own business and says nobody to nothing. I am so glad that you is going to stay where he is this summer and I think Hirt had better have done the same he could have got 50 or 60 dollars a month, but he always calculated

end of letter from Lube

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Howell Apr.11th 1864

Dear Brother

I again improve another opportunity of writing to you I wrote you a short and poly letter one before that I thought it would pay to try it over again and write when it was not quite so [illegible] I was not quite so much of a hurry as before. I have been over so busy since I [illegible] looking.

There has had considerable to do as I presume you will suppose when I tell you that she has been through with. A school was offered her in Lewisville at four dollars per week and the one in Denville at five dollars per week and then there was another offer also and it was none else but Mr.Glenn's heart and hand and curious enough she accepted the last named offer, and was married last Wednesday morning at about nine o'clock we took breakfast soon after and Mr & Mrs Glenn started with his nice carriage and splendid horses for his home which is situated about eight miles from Denton on a good farm with everything around to make her comfortable and happy. Mr Glenn came here twice after I came home and what I saw of him I like very much I think he is a fine man and Dora has done well sure thing certain she will have enough to do with and her husband is a man that is very much respected in the society which he moves in and is reported to be worth 20 thousand dollars good for her I am the last one on the carpet, now I can have full sweep - but I shall be lonesome without Dora and I think she will be missed about as much as any other one in our family unless it be our parents for she lately has been at home and always lively and cheerful and we shall miss her company she lives in the town of Denton eight miles from the village so if you should want to write to her you can do so. The fun of it was they surprised me instead of me and when they came to the reality of the thing and found out that it was really so they thought they were quite well April fooled. I was a pretty good cloak for them, I think. John Frazell sermon was preached week ago last sabbath, the 17th chapter of John was read and the text was the first chapter of the first epistle of peter 22 25th verses Our minister preached an excellent discourse I would have been glad if you and Sheldine could have heard it. Our people were very glad that I brought Johns things home and mother has laid them away with great care all but the fiddle that Omar wants to call his and it had to be strung up and put in tune in short Father and mot an evening passed but what that fiddle is played on I didn't think our lad any idea that Omar would care any thing about it or at least so much but Omar is quite a singer and seems to like music and I shouldn't wonder if he made a good player yet Father intended to have written to you directly after Dora was married as he told you he would write some news in his next but father is old and he gets of writing longer than he ought to a great many times. Aunt Mary Ann wrote him a letter which he received in January and he has just answered it yesterday as you see he is not as prompt as he used to be it seems to be more of a task lately he wanted me to ask you if you would not send him three or four of those papers that has John's death in he wants to send some of them to his friends. I will send you the Republican that contains it we meant to have sent it before this.

Well how do you do in Illinois about now I suppose time is cleaning and making carpets and having a time in general and I suppose you are as busy as ever. Father wonders if you are ever coming to see her I told her you talked of it some time. I just came today from visiting Mr Armor's my first visit since I came home I have been so busy. I have had enough to do to make up for what I didn't do in Ill. They talk strongly of having a railroad from Detroit to Howell and they had a meeting to that effect here yesterday so if they make out to have one you can come to Howell and without dreading to ride in the stage Mr Armor said he wanted it 500 dollars worth and they told him when such as he that is having as much property as he wanted it one thousand dollars worth they would be more out to have one.

I see dinner is most ready and I must hurry I would have been done before if Omar had not been reading to me and I had to stop to hear. Father says give my best love to Thom and his wife and tell them both to write and come and see us as soon as they can I would like to have you write as soon as you get this both of you I wrote to Milbie last week and this morning I write to Noah he seems to be in good spirits and I know he would very much like to receive a letter from you I will send you his address and you will write want you. Give my love to Mr Noble and family Mrs.Hebbins and all the good people and write as soon as you get this I would like to hear from you often yours E C D

Noah's direction is Co H 5th Ind.Infantry ((Send soldiers))
Washington D.C.

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Powell July 10th 1864

Brother Nathaniel

Father received your letter in good season after date and I with the rest was glad to hear from you again . I have just returned from Sabbath school concert and thought I would write a few lines to you in answer It seems to be our duty for father to write a letter like it used to be and I thought I would write a few lines this time thinking you would like to hear and father can write when he feels like it I presume he will answer most of the questions that you asked when he writes, but as you said you would like to have him mentions that you asked when he writes, but as you said you would like to have him tell all about how they were and about their family all I thought I would send them right along and you could take care for yourself. They are both very well now but are growing old as you will perceive, you imagine how old Uncle Richard was. I will tell you he is 52 years old and twelve children afterwards, and the youngest four and with that one of the nicest female Methodist affords, that's what they say although I have never seen it Father and Mother were down and made a visit when Uncle Dick was out and they brought back a nice report Father says tell Thom she has one of the finest boys in the country and her oldest daughter is one of the smartest girls you can find this side of Chicago, that is his report and every one speaks the same of him. We heard indirectly that Mr Robbins was taken with bleeding at the stomach about two weeks ago in his pulpit and also that he was very low and expected to live but we have not heard by letter yet and think he must be better. Henry has not heard any thing from James in about four months only that he was sent on to Georgia with the rest of the prisoners at Richmond . the last letter we had from Mack was over a week ago he was then in West Philadelphia he was wounded in the first day's fighting of the wilderness battle, in the left thigh three inches above the knee carrying a severe flesh wound and he was taken to Fredericksburg and from there transferred to Alexandria from thence to Philadelphia and the last letter he was at Fort Mil. 5 miles from the city, there has several been killed that went from here in the winter and more families have been called to mourn from the recent battles right from this place than has ever been in any engagement. Well how do the folks all do in Warren I hope all alive and well I suppose your sister Lois is with you now How does she like the west and prairies. I received letter from Thomas last a few weeks ago enclosing his photograph I put it right into my Album and I think it looks quite natural beside of Uncle Noah's daughter cousin Ellen she is the smartest looking lad my Album affords I think he was quite fortunate to enlist just before being drafted, do you ever hear from Hart give my responses to Mr.Noah and family Mrs.Robbins and tell Mr Hart if he is in Warren that I shall answer his letter soon.

Henry is in Flint now Grace is at home at the present I think he would do well to go out to Illinois. I have just four weeks longer to teach before my school will be out then I shall go out and make Thom and Libbie a visit things are not very dear or high out here are they in Ill cables only forty cents a joint sugar 25 to 30 butter 25 to 30 does not cost much to live. We have had considerable wet weather here lately pretty good weather for corn . Hattie is here with her two good children busy as bees.

I forgot to answer one question but I will now keep cool. I am to be married the 20th of September come hasten to the wedding I am the last one on the carpet they tell me and my day is short.

Yours Truly ((Name))

Andover July 13 1864

Dear Daughter I write now to let you know that there is a letter in the office at Andover for you I am ashamed to say that I expect it is one that I wrote you about the first of July it is directed to N C Keeling without the Jr just one of my blunders exactly I hope you will take it out of the office and if it is the same pardon all mistakes. I will try and do better we are all well but pa he has worked too hard since haying he got I think he will have to stop for his cough seems to increase under such treatment, we have had one or two showers lately and need a good deal more or there will be harder times than ever, Mr. Ross is very low doctors say he never will get up again Lucie Hilton and his wife are down on a visit but she is at her Fathers very sick. they thought she couldnt never be any better for a few days but now she is better. Aunt Ann still here & we d is now gone to see grandma. We have got a letter from Pet write she is of home he was well and at Salt Lake City, had a letter from Thomas he was well at Morris got a letter from Reuben tells about a little daughter they are pleased of course I wish I could say got a letter from Lola if she is with you I do hope for I want to hear from her I fear she has not got the letter I sent sometime ago with five dollars in it I fear she is sick and cant write now I want to hear for I am getting nervous over it tell her that Ard Ferris is married to Esther Greene ~~I cant~~

I cant write any more for it is monday morning Lottie is washing and I must make the cheese. I want you to write as soon as you get this give my love to Thom and Lolo now all write. much love to you from your mother

Hannah Root

(Reuben's dgr. was Nellie b. July)

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Camp Lafayette July 21st 1864

Dear Sister Tine

How are you all this morning I am feeling first rate the great trouble is all duty & no rest as the Adj. has gone to Texas it comes double on me as there is but one other Sergt on duty. Though it is all quiet & Johnny is no fiting. though the Guerillas appear to be still swarming around they keep rather shy though we got hold of one now I think. was 2 inches in yesterday one of them is A sharpshooter ((maybe sharp one)) the other A perfect devil he got A shot round his neck last night & rather than check it great while he swung up also told where A number of more could be found of the same stripe. have got A number on top the ears ((maybe cons)) for breastwork for our fourth . Old Forrest has finly got A chasing out by all reports Smith has made A pretty clean thing of it. There was two trains of Sick & wounded passed here yesterday. expect the Prisoners along today.

We have A very pleasant Camp thought the weather is next to that warm place I have heard tell about we have the advantage of A pleasant shade so our Camp is situated in the woods, on Wolf River Bottoms. it is generally A very unhealthy place, but on account of dry weather it is more healthy this season . I can say one good thing of the place that is there is plenty of Denisen ((?)) some of them large enough for two meals month full. The moskitoes grow in proportions,

How is business with Thom. has Lolo set up A shop yet tell Her I would like A card.

My best wishes to All
Write soon dont wait because I have

Yours Very Truly

W.F.Tood

Address
140 Regt.Ill.Vols
Memphis Tenn.

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Camp Lafayette Aug 23th /64

Dear Sister Nino

Your letter I received A few days since found us as usual all right. though it brought unexpected bad news it was very acceptable. we have been having A change of weather here it has rained for the last two weeks nearly all the time but is now pleasant now I think it will soon warm in North but it is no way to tell for I cant see it.

Old Morgan has been playing A pretty sharp trick I has come now to try the second time but am afraid he will not get of so well as with the first. last Sunday morning he surprised the People also the Troops at Memphis with about 8500 men about 400 of which marched into the City (crossed about 300 head of horses & Mules & played hell generally ((?)) but was shot down to shortly. General Sullivan got out of the winds of the [illegible] to save his [illegible]. The Guard in the door shot two & wounded two & was wounded himself. It is said Morgan himself entered the [illegible] & [illegible] also took into A Tavern & ordered dinner for himself & staff. My ((?)) on us are [illegible] yet our loss is killed & wounded about 40 theirs 90.two of Our Regt that were in the City one was Sergt Treasy ((?)) the other the Quartermasters Clerk were both taken prisoner but the Sergt though wounded after marching six or seven miles gave them the slip. . Forrest with increased forces has attacked Memphis again today for train just come from there but left before the fight commenced we can hear the firing Gen Hurlbut received A dispatch A short time ago the Rebs were in both sides of the River near Memphis. there may be about [illegible] is any with his Command it has been reported here to-day Forrest as he said had gone to reinforce Lee but I now think he A mistake some where. We are all well on guard about one third of the time but it is only for [illegible] days more I think. I do A charge before that time unless I am there now. Can write more this time.
Tell Loke to write or there will be a fuss in Camp.
Write again soon. with my best wishes to All I am as ever

Brother Wm

Address as before.

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Camp Lafayette Aug 24th

Dear Sister Nino

An all right again this morning though the weather is getting hot to kill. in my letter yesterday I wrote that they were fighting in Memphis but it proved to be all A mistake though the news was received here by telegraph & supposed to be reliable. Forrest has not showed himself there since [illegible] & was much less successfull than was first reported. The excitement yesterday & Friday

that was heard here was caused by some marauding Rebs burning their wagons [illegible] the City being still untaken. [illegible] a battle before that. [illegible] were seen near [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] direction of it also heard of battle fought on [illegible] corner [illegible] the City but it was all A hoax. [illegible] Harriet is reported to have been retreating over since Sunday [illegible] is now near Cool Water. He passed within fifteen miles of us [illegible] never even called. Much it would have been an easy matter with his force to rebled us [illegible]. Our drum Major ([illegible] may remember him [illegible] was in A Gray [illegible] in Galena) that was wounded [illegible] taken prisoner was lucky enough to fall in with some old friends in Dorlet Army that got him release.

There is A good many of our Boys sick but we in hope it will be more healthy now the rains is over. Eighteen of our Co. remain sick this morning besides [illegible] in the General hospital. My health is poly

Write soon yours etc

W.F.H.

Will

Newell Aug.[illegible] 1864

Dear Brother

I presume ere this you have expected an answer to the letter I received from you in the summer something I first promised then only that I was very busy at the time and still continue to be so since that time my school has closed and ever since I have had to work hard. I was so sorry to hear that your factory had been burned I could hardly read the letter when I saw it in the paper. But probably it is all for the best. It must look odd without it now. I saw in the paper that you were going to build in another place, I should think you would be very busy and will be probably until it is in working order. We were quite disappointed to think that you could not come out here when making all calculations on having such a good visit. And may be if it had not happened we would have been in the very act now. Tell Cora she time if nothing happens bigger than a fire. I just read in the Tribune last. That we received last evening that Sis Tendenon was married? I was quite surprised I thought Donnie was attending school at Philadelphia.

Irma has been up and made us a visit and tomorrow Libbie and I think of intend with Cora to go and see her. I have never been at her new home. Mary & her little Donnie are here with us now Mary has been quite sick the last thought she came as near typhoid as anything she was taken sick at home. We thought it would be easier for us to take care of her here at home than to run down there and take care of her so we had her brought home and since that time she has been here she is little better today. Her sickness is improving slowly though I think she will not be able to preach regular this winter if at all. They think thought of going to live on their farm this winter and both have a rest that is situated twelve miles from Janesville. Henry is in Detroit on the river propelling a boat he has 35 dollars per month I hope he will make good use of it. Father and Mother are quite well now and Cora is making all calculations on going to Warren he is quite curious to go Father will write and find out when you will meet him in Chicago. We hear from Noah often and his wife expects him home the first of next month. He has a young relative at home to come and visit just five years old a bright little boy. Noah has three children now Willie going to school now I will send you Noah's and his little boys photograph and Cora's as you can see she is coming to live with you. I don't think they are either of them very good pictures, but I will send them and if I get another of Noah's that is better when he gets them painted I will send one with you.

I received a letter from Mrs. Afford not long ago. I expect to be married in three

[illegible] from Betty. I am not going to have a wedding. We intend going to the photo [illegible] arranged which is to be held at Falls Church and [illegible] the Park of [illegible] there is all to take place in the [illegible] house, and that is something the men of Tenell are really going to enjoy [illegible]. Well I declare I am to the bottom of the sheet. Have you had your photographs taken yet? When you do remember me [illegible]. My regards to Mr Roberts family and to your sister if she is yet with you. Also I would like the receipt for pie filling, bread and for the cake that you made last Friday if you will be so kind as to write them out and in your next letter.

Your sister Frank.

[illegible]

Tenell [illegible] 1904

Your letter I will try to write a few lines to get to let you know that we are all well as usual. [illegible] Mr Roberts [illegible] to live by family to end [illegible] I get [illegible] will this year [illegible] to write with the boys have been going to writing [illegible] all the fun in their reach but I expect [illegible] will [illegible] .

The [illegible] came into town a week ago last Tuesday in company with her sister [illegible] Mr. Tolbert from Tenell they were [illegible] to visit [illegible] Mr Tolbert was taken sick the same night that [illegible] the Monday they sent [illegible] children and to come there was [illegible] last night she did to [illegible] came from Warren to carry the corpse back home for burial. Last Saturday [illegible] was taken down with the same disease but [illegible] little girl [illegible] is down with the same they called her better today. [illegible] I hear of her. The [illegible] is going right back to Illinois [illegible] just a few minutes she said she anticipated on [illegible] a visit in Indiana but it turned out badly enough we have not heard from him for a long time and hope you will write that you have [illegible] I think his time must be out by this time I can't write no particulars about the [illegible] in general for it is late I learn by the Independent that Tenell got a new mill about [illegible] and it is to be dedicated at the time of the fair I [illegible] help you [illegible] I have she will help you about your work and if you don't get sick of her long for this winter I don't know how much I can help her, write soon, this from your sister

May good luck attend you Hannah Tent

Why did you get a bundle that I sent you while no a long letter soon, you have my love and all the rest be a good girl and I will write you a long letter next time. If the railroad is coming through the center of Indiana the depot will be in our west lot between our garden and the [illegible] house they say the cars will be running in one year from now

Hannah Tent

[illegible]

Tenell [illegible] 1904

Dear sister & brother,

I improve this present opportunity that affords itself in scribbling a few lines to

you at this late hour. The last letter I received from home was from Ino just before I was married I intended to answer it at once after I received it then it slipped along so I then let it I would wait and write after I was married since then I have been so busy you dont have how busy unless you was so like after you were married.

I have been getting ready to keep house and I find it quite a chore to commence about three weeks ago I have hardly got settled yet but we are so to live I suppose. Father wrote you about our marriage when he wrote I have been drying apples making quilts quilting getting a carpet ready to leave and it is all too numerous now I have made no a just natural and I dont know that all there is something more in keeping house that you wouldnt think of in anything but I have got of the best of materials to do very good made all my experiments. Just made to and myself at least the friend of Ther children our brother in law is was sick just a week died a week ago last Wed it he was taken with a very severe congestive chill and fever he was a very nice man but died very only dropped away as I a relator announced it Bill married for glory I never saw a more devoted young man in my life a good man has fallen he had a great many friends who could it scarcely hardly he died enough there was eight came on from Louisville with the corpse that is where he has been preaching and they went clear on to Farrington where he was buried that is where his father lives he was buried beside of his father Lillie is very lonely they had just got nicely settled on their farm he had moved there since his sickness in the spring and thought he would stay there until his health was improved somewhat then he intended preaching again as he seemed to be so happy there thought he should get well so fond and he was and seemed to be real well before he was taken this last time. Jim Koch was out course and that has set my self work out to make them a visit we had a real good one he took the boys all over his farm and showed them over the horses as the times he had a pleasant time of it. Jerome a good horse before he died he made his will willed all his property to Elizabeth so she is in quite comfortable circumstances. He had a coffin made for him made by one of the members of the church he asked nothing only for the material which was fifty dollars. Here I am close down to the bottom and am not half through but I can take another sheet. Jerry has heard from Jesse he is employed and is but I can take another sheet. Jerry has heard from Jesse he is employed and is now at Louisville he says his health is not very good but thinks he ought to be thankful that his life is spared while so many have died around him. He says he is in Gods country again and is coming home as soon as he gets his discharge and look pay you course. Never see a more pleased woman in your life than they are and shouldn't you think she would be well it is near Christmas that is quite close when to do for you they are going to have a Christmas tree here in the church and every family puts on whatever they wish for their friends. I dont know what is coming but I hear something kind of sly come in quilts.

I thought I must write a little more so I had to take another sheet you did not say anything about whether you received those photographs that I sent last or not or how you liked them I want yours both of them very much to put in my album and if or how you liked them I want yours both of them very much to put in my album and if you send them I will send to my husband when he got them taken and he meant to this winter at least I says so he have meat a barrel of beef and we pickled it after your receipt. We went to housekeeping with a good supply he is a good provider. How do you get along with the larger boys is there some good stories in it my brother in law's wife taken it and I finished those stories that I borrow when I was at your home I shall take it in a year or two I guess or at least as soon as I get able. It has been real cold hing here for the past week but is going off now some. We have had an invitation to a wedding down in Indian during the holidays about 67 miles from here. It is Marion Lenore by brother's brother that is to be married, people dont mind the war in these parts or least they get married just the same this is one that came to me when I was in Kansas and came home at this time he has a number and he can do most as much as any man. Then I want you to congratulate me when you write I thought I would take my courtship along to congratulate me when you write I thought I would take my courtship along to congratulate me when I was busy I did not know but they would take me sick. As I am busy then, I had no time I did not know but they would take me sick.

Well I have filled my letter up pretty well this time give my love to all the children and keep a good share yourself with you a Merry Christmas

Everyone sends respects to you. Father, Fellow Brothers and sisters are all well as far as I know

S C Dorsey ((Sarah))

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Chicago Dec 22/44

Mr. H. Dorsby

Dear Sir

Yours of the 20th is at hand informing us that you could ship us a nice lot of fine Walnut & Cherry lumber. If you can and as wide as you tell the clear stuff I will give you forty five dollars per M. Rather it delivered in Chicago. But should not want any crooked or well lumber

Yours respectfully
Henry T. Walker

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Newell Tuesday evening Jan 10 '65

Dear Son

Your letter of the 5th inst. was received last night so I will just write you a line. And sure you have a little girl ((Nell's Dorothy)) (Mrs. T. Henry Hoops)) born without a nose and probably without teeth. Poor unfortunate to have children born so - We were glad to learn something more about Frank's death and burial -

James P.Silsby arrived in Newell the first inst. looking very well. He was taken from Dell Rapids to Andersonville last February from that place to Savanna thence to Millen where he was exchanged. Having been in prison in four places.

James & Mary and little Jennie went to Conway the next day after reaching home to make a visit to Grandpa Silsby's and have not returned yet. Had a letter from Mary today saying they were going to Corinna this week.

Your Mother and I went down to see Mrs Bayfoot last night. Mrs Bayfoot says she remembers you well and would like to have you call and see her when you come to Newell. Grace is attending her seminary which is generally popular school. Now if you cant find a name suitable for Mrs dray her out there I can furnish you a list of the names all the female babies are called by in Newell. Here is is - Adda Ida Nella Nettie Hattie Annie - These are about all the fashionable modern names. I can add two or three more Ella - Cora - Nora. Now I will give you a list of some of the names used in the State of Maine when I was young - Anna, Bridget Clarissa, Dorcas Nellie, Minch (Lisa (a very popular name) Betsy or Abigail Jane Jemima Susanna, Sally, Sukie or Sookey I could add many more to this list but I think this will suffice.

Noah's youngest is a boy five months old and a fine one - His name is Albert Noah. Please give our best respects to Mr Eliason. We feel very grateful towards him.

Now this will find you all well and the little daughter running finely. Very cold and good sleighing. Drop a few more lines soon.

No things from Henry this winter. H. S. Dorsby
We fear he is dead.

Lowell Mass. Feb.18 '66

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Nathl

Terms of the 10 you need last night all right that is your list of prices. We are all well as usual and I am alone this P.M. Father Levins came in to the Post's to see Mr.Tibbits who had a son born last night, weighing 9½ lbs. I am going to see the boy and take Tee at Silby's tomorrow. Silby is studying with Mr. Huntington. Stael was down with Mr. Tibbits two days and went home last night. I read a letter from Josh night before last. Hodi's wife also got a letter from Josh dated the night Jan.18. Josh was well as usual. Don't know whether he will be sent to his reg. or to the Invalid Corps. He thinks the war will not last a great while and seems to keep up good spirits - but wishes he was at home. He goes to the City often and has stationery to sell out to the soldiers and makes something in that trade. He has plenty time to read and a good library in the hospital. Mr. Cushing had an entertainment with his school at the Court House last night with a crowded house. Tickets 25 cts. The next born calves are again much to nothing to a lb. - Beef is quite another half cent. Veal here is 7.8 the good prices - mutton is some higher. Wool is 4½ to 5 dollars per lb. potatoes about from 75 cts to $1.00. I paid 1½ dls yesterday for 10 bushels. Lard is worth about 12 or 13. Butter is only 17 now and Sugar 24 - Tea 50 cts. Molasses 1½ cts. Now I must go and see poor Henry Tibbits. Now I want you to send me John's diary without fail.

Nathl. F. Dorothy

The papers sent in your letter I at like business - glad to see them. Pretty cold here and sleighing very poor. Got last Saturday night was a quarter old. Here as was doing good business. Please drop a line soon and send the prescription. The draft I suppose will go off this week in Boston. (10 from this town) I've been to the Post's and have seen Tibbits's boy. Just say you have seen the Sail of Illinois raising large ladies - What do you think of Mch. sail? Gov. rect. for John's arrears of Pay from July 1st'63 to Dec.25 $75.40
Dorothy 100 loan 25 75.00
Total $150.40

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Andover April 2nd /66

Dear Sister

The fears we entertained in regard to our father have been realized. Yesterday we looked our last on him and sadly followed him to his grave. If you could only be here now Nina it seems so lonely. He died Thursday morning about 6 o'clock. The funeral was Saturday at 1 o'clock at the North church. Mr.Shipman preached the sermon. He died very easy without a struggle we dont think he was conscious of his situation until he was too far gone to speak (perhaps the power of moving for he made no sign or motion. He had been considerable bothered for breath during the night but no worse than he had been before. About 11 o'clock he called for something to eat and got as much as he had done before for several days. He was up with him until 12 then he got up, about half way three he noticed a difference in his breathing and got up again not more than 15 minutes before he died he called for drink telling what time he wanted and drank a little nourishment then up to drink it himself. It was the last. In quite in a few minutes they thought by his appearance that he had fainted and called up me. I think his eyes must have been set when we got there for when I had done breathing

they were not raised towards us but looking straight ahead. I wrote you that he had an ulcer break the Saturday after I got home he gradually failed from that and another broke the day before he died another one broke and yet his courage never failed, never gave up but that he was going to get better he said he didn't expect to get well but was confident that he would get up again and be able to be around. He wasn't so as to talk much after the first ulcer broke. He made no disposition of his property whatever. It would have been so much better if he had and I presume he would if he had thought he wasn't going to live. He was very patient through his sickness and used so much reason his death was nothing more than the doctor told us that we might expect and yet it seemed so sudden he is buried the west lot south of Aunt Orpha just east of Grandpa Root.

We have Adaline Smith to help us now and will keep her or some one else until after we get the [illegible] cleaned at least. [illegible] is making the first of May to spend the summer in [illegible]. [illegible] and [illegible] have bought [illegible]. [illegible] they will move this week. Her share of the property was 2,000. Did I tell you Louisa Baker was dead she died with bleeding at the lungs. Old Tobias has made his will people think [illegible] Darwin hasn't long to live. I wrote as I promised the next Sunday after I got home and was very much disappointed not to hear from you before this. you must surely answer this right away telling all the news give my respects to [illegible] and [illegible] folks Mr. Dawson [illegible] came I am so sorry I couldn't have seen her. Ma is well as could be expected she says she will write you soon as she gets rested a little, she is pretty well tired out of course -

Enclosed you will find a lock of Pa's hair. How I would like to see little Nell kiss her for me tell me all about her you must come down this summer if you possibly can won't you? [illegible] write both of you.

Good night

Sister [illegible]

[illegible] wife is awful homely great big nose and lips rather dark complextion but she has quite a good look after all she has quite a nice set of furs. [illegible] said she was better off than he thought she was [illegible]. [illegible] a good catch and was covered all over with fur. You will find [illegible] in the 1st Corinthians 15th Chapter [illegible] verse. We are not going to dress in mourning.

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Howell Sunday P.M. April 9 1865

My [illegible] Sir

Your good letter of the 27th ult. was received and also the memorandum and Testament of [illegible]. [illegible] term at School will close next week so that he will be ready to leave Howell in two weeks from tomorrow the 24th and meet you in Chicago which I think you had better do - In order to meet you in Chicago Tuesday morning he will have to take the evening train at Ann Arbor Monday night for that train don't stop at Dexter - But I don't know whether the Stage leaves Howell on Monday or not for Ann Arbor.

The glorious news reach us last week of the Surrender of Petersburg & Richmond and were not the people of Howell alive with rejoicing and did not all the bells ring and the little cannon roar all the afternoon and at evening did not the dry goods boxes suffer on the bonfire !

But I am not going to write you lengthy - you said you [illegible] were drafted. [illegible] I know why - [illegible]

wife wouldn't let him go neither but he did go without asking a father's advice - well no matter - Mr.Benj.H.Blunn was drafted and Emily wrote me that he procured a sub. for $300. Henriet got a letter from Noah last night is in Washington Camp Dry Co F 14th U.S.C.Corporal he is at home by the 4th of July - Hibbie is going out to her farm this week to see to things a little and visit at Danville.

We were glad to learn that your little Bell was doing so well. grand Pa would like to see her April 10th 10½ o'clock P.M. We have just returned from a Jubilant meeting at the Presbyterian Church over the fall of Lee & his Army or rather over the Surrender of Lee to Grant of his entire Army.

James & Mary and Jennie Gilly were here today all well & looking well. Write Soon Our respects and good night

H.S.Moseby

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Andover May 14th /65

Brother Ethan

It is not my fault that you haven't received a letter from me before this it is to a great deal old job. I expected writing you several days ago but it seemed so I couldnt write with it. Time passes fast he got some but failed to find any in town. Now at last succeeded in procuring or rather in buying some. but we dont be disappointed if I dont fill the sheet I couldnt have taken so large a one only that I couldnt find any other. Now that I have explained matters a little I will go on to tell you that we are all in good health. Tom is sound as he looks but he has had a grapler. Yesterday morning a little before he was up on the west street the dog came at him without the least provocation. Doc Holton dressed the wound and he hobbles here yet his arm and rest the dog there he wont be very apt to bite any one else. he has to go around with the crutches. Bruce has been home since the spring, and was the winter you were here but not as bad as then we think it must be erysipelas. Tom and Martha get along nicely. The sale of the personal property came off a week ago last Tuesday things sold pretty well. One cow 12 sheep and some of the household goods were altered he besides $100 worth of whatever she might select and $300 for a year's support. of course we had to keep a team and farming utensils and we had no household goods to spare, all those with three cows and some other things we had to keep came to over $500 this of course came out of the $700, what was sold came to $1267 but as we are not out of debt yet as the debts amount to about $3000. Tom and Ma think it best to sell the Pickett farm and pay them up at once or as soon as it can be done by law. Tube dont think it advisable says he will help to work off the debts but they think they can bring him to see it to be the better way to sell it. What is yours and Mines opinion about it ? we would like to know. We havent heard from Dirt since Pa's death Have you heard from him lately ?

Uncle Joe Pickett died very suddenly a few weeks ago he died in a fit was taken too school and died at four in the morning.

There was the funniest thing happened a few days since that ever was. I know you will think it terrible strange but tis even so that Charley Marvin is married you cant think how spruce he looks he married well I cant begin to tell who its an awful jaw breaking name. she was a dressmaker has been around here about a year she is thought a good deal off by the people of A. They have just commenced hewing the timber for the mill it is neither opposite here or Toms part way between. There is a lot of Canadians at work on the railroad now I dont think of any news now only that Uncle [illegible] died a few days since and a subscription is going around to get him a tombstone.

Yes you dim [illegible] has her [illegible] ((maybe ?)) and is going to put up an addition to the store this summer if I [illegible] will go with dry goods but is carrying on the Millinery business quite extensively the milliners work in the counting room and have their beds in the store. Don't know where C V is going next I guess Uncle Riley Downs starts to look for a place in Missouri next month. You must tell me all every thing about Lill, how and she weighs how she looks and Nine must tell me what she has made now for her. I can hardly wait to see her. you must be sure to come this summer without fail.

Nine have you got through housecleaning I and Lou did yet have proper cows act like fury they are so crazy to get that two or three hens we sometimes find setting on one egg. we dont have half the eggs we want to use.

Andy Wilson preaches at the North church [illegible] in eight weeks. it was his day today I wore my delain dress the first time [illegible] one thinks it pretty, and all fall in love with my calico dress that [illegible] it. What have you now ? It seems so funny to stop at Warren Roots to see the Tillery folks I was there last night wouldent wonder if they were a little [illegible] which Aunt Maria at least. Is Mr Wyman married yet ? You must tell me all the news. What do they hear from Mrs Fowling My love to Mrs. Jenson Hooles and Tillery folks. Write me just as soon as you receive this and I will try to write oftener than I have . Then send me your photograph when you write.

Good night

Sister Loie

Give baby lots of kisses for Auntie Loie

TO

Warren June 1st 1885

Dear Wife

Not having much on hand today to keep myself about I thought I would drop you a few lines I suppose you are at Lou's safe now and enjoying your visit with the folks and Bel is wide awake and good natured as usual how did yourself and her stand the trip. I am all right on boarding at the Hotell and sleeping at home. I got up this morning at 8½ and found no breakfast but made them hustle around and get me some I forgot to get those shirts ironed and I am wearing one without ironing I dont see but it feels about as well as though it was ironed though it does not prove to make quite as good an appearance We have had a large amount of rain since you left it rained the day you left and it has rained every day since none of your small fry but it poured down so that it run over the street that is main st. Farmers dont complain now in not having water enough your home are getting along all right I went out the night after you left and got 12 eggs and found a hen on the nest of course I took her by the tail and put her in the coop the next night I found 11 eggs and Betty on them and I tailed her into the coop last night I dident go out it was so muddy I because there is a hen setting on the eggs but I dont care I sell the eggs to old Granny Smith and they would do her and the milliner just as well if they was set on a week my sheet is short dont think of anything else about the same as when you left I have sold my office and intend to use ((? proper name ?)) Write often respects to all

H Boothby

*My dated July 1, 1885

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Warren July 11th 1885

Dear Wife

Your letter was received last evening and was glad to hear that you are all well again I am all right except a little headache today caused I presume by sleeping so late this morning I didnot wake until 9 oclock but I made them hustle around at the hotell and got me some breakfast they have very good fare there now I got Mrs Green to do my washing she does it well at least I have no fault to find I received a letter from Father this morning wanting me know about the time I would come there this summer and urging me to be sure and come I think I will have to come down anyway but will be obliged to make a very short stay and do my visiting up quick I cant tell the exact time I will be there but I think in about two weeks you can expect me when I come you must go over and see Benj Saw mill by all means he would learn you to be a practical machinist in a few minutes explaining it to you I presume Bel has some teeth by this time you say she is homesick she wants to see her pap and I wonder if you are not a little homesick I think I would be after staying there two days I think that is about as long as Andover can hold me If Hon Lorley was out in this western country he could make more money in one year than he can make there in five I cant think of any more nonsense to write and will wind up I think Mr Thornton intends to put up a brick building where the old one stood the Ballance have made no calculations about building yet.

N Boothby

#32

Andover July 11th 1865

Dear Husband

I received your welcome letter about three o'clock this afternoon have been down to Mrs Hass's this afternoon and have just got Bell to sleep. and have sat down to have a little chat with you for a little while I could get along with it a great deal better if I were there but as it is an oracle ((?)) one is better than none. I confess I have not been quite as prompt in answering your letter's as you have mine but it was not because I did not want to hear from you as often as possible but ever since I have come I have not went three day's with out a handkerchief tied over my ear's. and now it is most four week's since I arrived. but I take it of in the middle of the day now. I am agoing to keep it on until they get pretty well this time for my right ear has swelled up and discharged three times already and I have no notion to have it do so again. some day's it was as much as I could do to hold baby but I did though I have told her that Papa sent her a kiss she seemed very much pleased about it, and the little rat would cry today as soon as any one took her would look to me with the tear's in her little eye's almost killed. I think her teeth make her feel more babyish you know she is so far from being a baby that it is a little strange it should effect her so. but I do not get very far from her for I believe the poor little thing is homesick. We go to Hon's tomorrow next day up to Uncle John's and next day to Uncle Moses Parker's and back Saturday so that will take up the rest of this week. I had to lay by so long that I am hurrying matter's as fast as possible so as to get home again for it is kinder hard work running around visiting do you get your washing and ironing done fit to be seen and what kind of victual's do you have. I thought surly Sid's ((?)) baby would be a girl. I dont see how it happened other wise but I suppose likely for some good reason unknown am sorry to hear Mrs Ho bin's health is so poor but I presume will all be right in time. Benny has got his smoke pipe up which makes it look quite nilly indeed He says I must go over to Benny's mill some day and see it It would make him feel so big I have not seen his wife yet but they say she is awful homely but Benny say's she was a great deal better off than he supposed for she had two hundred dollar's in money that he did not know anything about besides being all covered with fur. dont that sound just like him. Well Andover is apretty dull place the greatest excitement that I know of is selling milk

Better any's and yet to Irish expect the inhabitants think they will make their fortune at it. to see the nudgs ((?)) go by in as good as a show for they all say they did not know as the which were such awful looking creatures in is getting pick she sells a quart of milk a day to their two big large pigs is kept in Tile's old grist mill west of the centre Tile went to Johnson yet and a mill there and had it burned down one week ago last sunday. he thinks it was set on fire by a man that owed him a grudge I think that is a dreadful way to settle grudge's but there is lots that just as live do it as not. I should think Mrs Turner would be a-shew ashamed of her self following a man up stairs. I believe she is a real mean low woman as much so as she can be I would make them take back some of their actions and word's if I was in Sam's place. I suppose she did act pretty bad toward him and the milliner I dont believe I should care about it if I were you for she cant be no great catch I guess there I only said so for fun. how do the hen's and garden get along. can you keep Aunt Jemima in eggs yet. Write quick I have done pretty well this time havent I

Nine Boothby

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Warren July 12th 1865

Dear Wife

Your letter dated July 9th is at hand and was hapy to learn that Bel was feeling so well although you said nothing of your own health I presume you are sound then you have bin to church once more quite an important event I should say seeing you have not bin for so long I presume Bel acted just as well as she knew how to and think she shown good sense in preferring her dinner to hearing the preacher I think I would rather eat when I am hungry than hear any man talk I am all right in regard to health I believe I had some fever & ague yesterday some of the old steam left on hand but it left this morning every thing is moving here about as usual Mrs Lathrop was married the other day to a man living in Belvidere a lumber dealer I believe they are a chap that good looking women usualy fancy Hart was up here this afternoon he looks rather rough he says his wife has bin sick about four months and they think she cannot live she has what some call carcipeles and some call it callowell sores I hired another man in the shop the other day from Detroit Michigan and turned off a Dagar lazy hand Mrs Samuel Dugser is running the streets as usual the Farmers National Bank have moved into their new building and are going in in regular city stile I dont think any more to write now I think I will come down I shall if possible

Yours

N Boothby

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Warren July 13th 1865

Dear Wife

I wrote you last evening I thought I would write you again to tell you the news but it did not hit me this time we had a big fire here last night which burned down 5 buildings Thornton's Mrs Temple's Mr Bowlerials the lumber shop and Spofford's a pretty good clean cut on that side it burned every thing clean from Stoddes ((?)) [illegible] store and all the goods in my store house for a [illegible] I think [illegible] about it [illegible] about it [illegible] wanted to [illegible] the fellow could [illegible]

him that for he said they had his horses out said I the devil you have I will see about it and hustled down town and put on my duds or rather put on my pants first before I hustled and found the mill all burnt down I think I am a fortunate old cuss for once I believe the fire caught in me ((?)) I think there will be a brick block out up there now if so it will not be any particular damage all well give my respects to all particularly to Pol

Yours Truly

N Beckley

#35

Warren July 21st 1905

Dear Wife

I received your letter written July 11th wednesday evening I should have answered it then but was going to Racine that evening and had not time to do so but will endeavor to make up lost time now, I am well only tolerable sleepy not having slept much for the last two nights as I went to Racine one night and returned the next night I think it will be absolutely impossible for me to come down there this summer work is usually rather slack this time of the year but it is driving this year and there is also a heavy demand for lumber I received orders last week for over 200 doors 200 windows of each as much as I could get out in 2 weeks I have just got 200 m feet lumber and shall be clearing my engine soon and it is absolutely impossible for me to be away so long consequently I think you had better do your visiting by yourself and when you are through of course I should be very much pleased to see you here I want you to go to Uncle Fitzeralds and see Isabel I know you will have a splendid visit with her I would give $ill to have a visit with her and she will be pleased to see you you can coax them to come out here and make us a visit this season if you can I dont think they could spend a little time pleasanter and also write me when you will probably be at home if I know I would meet you at Chicago and have done as the same if I should come down I could not get along short of two weeks from home at least and I dont know what would happen here in that length of time

I received a letter from S C Curtis one of my best customers in Iowa saying he understood that Warren Ill was burned asking me if I was insured and if so if I could fill his orders promptly he supposed of course I was burned out I have now $3000 insurance on the planeing mill which would help me out considerable in case of fire I have received no letters from Mart perhaps he has some good show and is not going to say anything about it untill he realizes of course in absence of news from him it would be difficult for me to form an idea where he is but presume he is all right as he always has friends and no enemies I received a letter the same time I received your last from Rube he was then at New Orleans and was well and hurty he is very much dissatisfied but expects soon to be mustered out of the service and wants me to look out for some kind of business for him then Bel grows prety & smart does she I dont see how that could be but suppose it is so of course but I would like mighty well to see her and also a person about your size I dont think of anything to write and will close be sure and write about the time you will be home and also about how much money you want

Yours

N Beckley

#36

Warren July 25th 1905

Dear Wife

Your letter came to hand this evening was glad to hear that you are well and would like to come down and help you visit but it is absolutely impossible My business was never anywhere near as driving as at the present time I do not think I shall get out of it before cold weather I am running the mill for all it is good for and have five men pulling ((looks like pelting ?)) lumber.

I would like to see you at home once more it is rather lonesome to go home and find no little woman there but you must make out your visit and not cut it short on my account dont you think you could manage to get home next week I enclose you 10- perhaps this will be enough for you to come to Chicago with what you have if not I can send more or you can get it there and I will send it back when you get home .

I made an investment the other day in a Pengylvania oil well perhaps I will make something and perhaps I will lose what I put in but that is all the same in a hundred years from now.

Joseph Pearce has bought out Godings drug store and B.G.Pearce has his office there Bobe hasmoved to the Brick block I have not time to write much I am so hurred

I shall hope to hear from you soon or see you coming my respects to all and a * for the baby.

H.Boothby

#57

Warren August 1st /65

Dear Wife

I received your letter this evening I have concluded to come down if you have not started for home before you receive this letter I have made some new arrangements in my business and will be so I can come down in about two weeks. The way I got out is I have taken in a partner a man that has money and he can run the business while I am gone I have not taken an account of stock yet and cannot for about a week untill I get my lumber piled up so I can count it perhaps you would like to know who my partner is well it is J D Platt he puts in the same amount of interest I have myself and takes Clarks interest towards it I think the thing will run along enough I have the management of the whole thing and intend to have that part of it in writing in the contract he says the concern can have all the money they want so we shall not be pinched for money which is a very important item.

The postoffice has moved to the news store and Vanchuen ((?)) & Leity have sold out to work one of the firm of work & Drearly they calculate to put in another stock I believe in some other place you can write me as soon as you receive this if you conclude to wait untill I can come down use what money you need I will risk the extravagance

Your

H Boothby

#58

Warren August 4th 1865

Dear Wife

Your letter of the 17th is at hand and finds us all right I presume you have received the money with the addition of 10 have before now as I wrote you the next evening and enclosed 10 they I can spare to Thanksgiving is having here about as usual so Robbins has a boy that weight 8 lb that is heavy what do you say I wrote you this week that I would come down in Sept two weeks perhaps it may be over that time maybe 3 weeks I am now almost ready to take an account of Stock and as soon as I can do that and get in the new engine and not fight to running all night I shall come down and I want to go over in the oil country and see how my oil claims get along I expect to make from 10 to 20 000 dollars from them and if I dont it will not hurt me much

the hens are in fine condition and will be just right to kill when you get home the corn is just right to cook now in the garden if you was here we would have some tomorrow the garden is the pig out it over has big turnips I weeded all out and thined them out and they are nearly as big as my head now and the apples on the appletrees are doing fine and the crops generally are good I have shipped 8500 worth of wool 6 cash yesterday I say what do you think of that kind of track ((maybe track ?)) I expect you are having a good time visiting your old friends well do it while you are young I suppose Nell is the smartest girl in those parts we will see if she will know her dad that will test the matter

H Boothby

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Andover Sept 8 1865

Dear daughter we are all well this morning and in haste I inform you of the sad news we received a letter last Wednesday directed to the parents or relatives of Liberius Foot of Andover it was from Pit Hole City from a Mr P S Stodhamsso stating that he was called on to go to the hotel and see a man that died that morning it was Friday the Sept 1 it appears the death was sudden they found he had about him a letter from his sister at Lawrence in which frequent mention was made of the friends at Andover he wrote no further particulars only that his effects were at the hotel opposite the Astor House also that he had as good care as place would admit of Thomas and Robert Hile have started this morning for Pit hole City when they return you shall hear more trouble follow us so unexpectedly oh how can I yield and say all right my heart rebels at the thought I hope this is the last drops of the bitter cup I must close for this time no news from home

As ever your affectionate mother

Hannah Foot

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Andover Sept 21,1865

Dear Daughter I ought to have written before now but as it is we are all well and as for the result of Your trip to oil city Pithole the news which we had heard proved too true Liberius arrived there the four part of August and commenced work in a mill the 10 ((?)) as engineer He told Mr Hale he was pretty near starved for money as it cost him more than he expected to mail to New York so he thought he would stop and work for a while and then come home and surprise us he was taken with a diarrhea two days after he began work but kept on about two weeks and then he got so bad that he went to the hotel and had to have a doctor he got more medicine of a doctor that was boarding there before he left home but it did no good he told the landlord he wanted another doctor so they called one he told

the typhoid had set in the second day he received letter and then thought he was considerable better but at night he changed for the worse the doctor was called but he was not able to arrest the typhoid and stimulated him through the night and about 7 o'clock in the morning he died a peaceful death that not acquainted with him stayed by him in his sickness and nursed him two days and two nights the said they seemed to be honest people and had done all they could for him they had him put in a suit of black clothes which he had in his satchel and a coffin that cost twenty dollars he is buried in an old place where he will have to be taken up again I think we will bring his body home in the winter. there was his hats one pair of pants three vests three shirts some other small things nearly a pound of gold dust brought home in his satchel he had 47 dollars in money the expenses were ninty dollars the letter was one that you wrote to him last .after other Lola came home

Minerva is gone. Cousine I want you to write as soon as you get this I suppose you get home. I read in the newspaper that Tom was walking the streets again how does Nell like Peter at home Lo is she well Nole and Vick like living in Louisville pretty well it is sickly about home and in Tenn they are dieing off with dissentary and Ferris is just gone with the consumption Lole has come to the water cure at Cleveland old Mrs Dobies is dead things in general are moving as when you was here I must bid you good night I dont find time to write in the day time my two delaine dresses made I expect to start for Flainpsvo in short a week

from your mother

Hannah Hoot

the 4 center lots sold for seven hundred and forty seven dollars

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Georgtown September 15th ((no year)) Ky

Cousin Nathaniel

I was very much pleased to hear from you and it would give me the greatest of pleasure to visit you and yours but that cannot be this fall I wish Willford ((W)) would look around and find out that Kentucky is not Heaven he was raised here and thinks this is the only place but some future day we will come and make you a visit

I have not been to Ohio for three years - Mother and Father are getting old and I feel it my duty to go and see them

Only for circumstances we would visit you this fall

Willford has bought a bill of lumber for his house it has to be delivered to us by the man he bought it of by the first of October and he pays for it the same day all but the shingles will be here then he has a thousand dollar payment made on Christmas day the last one on the last lot of land he bought we have 260 acres of blue grass land and can get one hundred per acre for it the payment and the house prevents us from spending any more than we can help- The house is to be fifty feet long twenty high four front rooms two above the same below with a hall above and below fourteen feet wide the stairs to run up in the hall a dining room and a tall front porch four columns back no collar I do not like that design I am in you like the plan of our house - I want you to come and see Cousin I want you to write as soon as you get this I suppose you get home. I read in the newspaper that Tom was walking the streets again how does Nell like Peter at home Lo is she well Nole and Vick like living in Louisville pretty well it is sickly about home and in Tenn they are dieing off with dissentary and Ferris is just gone with the consumption Lole has come to the water cure at Cleveland old Mrs Dobies is dead things in general are moving as when you was here I must bid you good night I dont find time to write in the day time my two delaine dresses made I expect to start for Flainpsvo in short a week

it and we when it is completed. I assure you you will be most welcome when you do come let it be in the fall and let us know and I will be there to see you

regret you could not go to Ohio this fall I expect to start the sixth day in October we expect to go to Hart Milford has a lot of cattle to water-

To joke no I wishing you to make us a visit I would like much to see your wife and little Nell

Uncle Theodore is married at last I am glad he has for he was anxious give my love to your people they have not answered my last letter - If you do not go to Ohio write as soon as you can after I return from Ohio we will stay only two weeks

I will tell you about our new aunt Jokeyp-

Remember me to all of your family and kiss that little girl for me-
Mr-an is a noisy chap will be six in April next- I hope to hear soon

Your cousin in love

Isabelle Lambrick

ps. I have just received a letter from Josphers ((')) she has four sons she believes in multiplying and replenishing the earth

"Well -

"Ess

Freeport Sept 18/ 05

Mr Bobby

Dear Sir,

I do not know but you have given up the idea of coming a sales man here but if not there is some good money to be had in the hotel biz: there the paint shop was and I wish you didn't succeed in coming here if you wish.

I heard there was to be another mill put up in Warren I think there is more room for a good mill here than there. The mills work along at a stand still now at least a man told me that he was getting sort of his water power as we have had high water in the river nearly all summer.

Mrs. Hart still continues sick and helpless and bids fair to be so for some time to come as the Doctor says she is in great danger of crippled for life.

Mrs H sends her respects Mr & Mrs Bobby

My respects to Mrs B

Yours,

Truly,

W. W. Hart

Kingsville Oct.31st/05

Dear Sister,

I had been looking for a letter so long and I was over so pleased to find it in my return to Kingsville last week from home where I had been for two weeks sick am not feeling very well yet but guess I can go through with the school I mean to if it is a possible thing there is only two weeks more after this we have had such a good school this fall Professor Bassett is a splendid good man and I like the teachers very much. Will is coming home this winter. Vink spoke to My Dooley to get him a situation as clerk down there he is, its somewhere near Pittsburgh. he got a place for Will there and Vink thinks he would like to go if he dont. I dont know what he will conclude to do this winter as for myself I would like to come back here this winter but dont see as I can. I dont know what our shares may be maybe not more than enough to pay our expenses this fall. I dont much believe there will be. I'll tell you just what I would like to do that is to come here this winter especially for the purpose of taking music lessons. Miss Bassett says she would go on with music by all means and I could teach by taking three lessons more and if I could only come this winter and take the three lessons in one but I dont suppose I can so there is no use talking and I want an instrument so bad too but that is another thing I cant have so I might as well keep still. you must be sure to have one ready for Bell soon as she gets old enough to learn. They had got the old chimney torn down when I came away it occupied room enough almost for a bedroom. I dont know whether they will get the woodhouse enclosed or not this fall Van has got so much to do he dont see to it and they were waiting for Rube but Louese received a letter from him just before I came away saying that he couldn't be there before the first of Nov. they have got the house shingled so far so good and I hope to see further improvements when I go back Tom bought Harvey Roots old mill and is going to move it up for a horse barn He was most sick when I came away but have heard since that she is better. there has been so much sickness this fall everywhere considerable here in the school but only one of the students have died. Its so awful about Hirt it dont seem as though we could have it so we would have been so rejoiced to see him. I am so glad he got as near us as he did before he died otherwise we might never have known his fate. Old Mrs Blanchard is dead she died last Friday Have you ever heard of Harriette Parker ((looks like Parkin,think it is)) death perhaps not as I think she died since you went back. she died of consumption Andover is moving along Moore ((Kline ?)) is fixing over the hotel Jim Morley has got his store up it makes quite a good appearance I tell you the upper story is to be a hall. Nell would write some tonight but she is pitching into her composition we have to"appear on the stage" tomorrow and Vink has gone to bed so you want be apt to hear from him they will write some other time. I was so sorry to hear Mrs Hobbins had lost her baby How did Freddy take it Tell Mrs Beebe & Mrs Gee I haven't forgotten that they promised me their photographs and I hope they haven't be sure and give my love to Mrs.Darling and tell her I should be ever so much pleased to hear from her. I'm awful glad you have got a good girl hope you will keep her all winter Love to Than and forty seven eleven kisses to Bell now dont wait forever before you answer will you?

What magazines are you going to take next year? I wish you would write right away and I will try to be prompt in answering . As my head aches rather comfortably hard and my sheet is full I will bid you good night

Loving sister Lelie

#64

Marengo December the 18th 65 ((no state))

Mr Boothby sir I received your line and check all wright and was glad to receive it for my health is so poor that the prospects of my geting as far west as your place again is very uncertain it has been quite sickly about here this fall and a good many deaths especially in marengo done & husband send their best respect to yourself and familey my wife health is good she sends respects to all you may pay me ten per cent intrest on the note from Dec 11th 65

Yours truly W Cobb

I do not know as you can read my writing

Received Mr N Boothby a check for Eighty seven dollars and fifty cents in full for interest due on a note up to December the 11th 65

Witness Cobb

#65

Madison Dec 27th/65 ((no state)) Ohio

Dear Cousin

I suppose you have been looking for a letter from me for some time but I have other fish to fry Time I received your letter & I hasten to answer it - the first opportunity.

I suppose of course you want to know the news. well we have got a girl Baby she came to town the 25 of Nov & weighed 9 lbs she grows like a wood & will weigh as much as 12 lbs now so you may know that I have some thing to do to take care of her she is pretty good natured I should be pretty smart if it was not for a lame back brought on by sweeping the house before I was strong enough to do it. our folks was out here thanksgiving day they had been over to your Mothers they were all well & are fixing over their house & tearing things to pieces genurally Mr Bars ((maybe Bais)) folks are well & all the rest of the folks that you are acquainted with. I dont think of anything more to write at present write again soon. my best love to yourself & husband & Baby

from your Cousin

F.M.Preston

#66

Andover Jan.4th /66

Dear Sister

I had waited so long thought I would wait until after the holidays then I would have more to tell(from)have been so busy ever since I got home they have kept me a hopping between that. our folks and Martha (I have been sewing some for her) havent had time to breath more than twice it seems to me.

It is so much to do our work we have to labor under so many inconveniences wont we be glad though if we can ever have a comfortable convenient house there seems to be some hopes for us. perhaps you would like a discription of our new house

Jan 7th I only made a beginning you see before am in hopes to finish this time Mr Andy Wilson honored us with a call just now, he preached at the North Church today his sermons were very good indeed he preaches here once in

eight weeks that is all the meetings the north church can start ((?)) at the south church a congregational minister preaches one Sunday a methodist minister the next. Levilla Blanchard and Jerome Wilkins wife (he married Mary Morris a cousin of Maria Blanchards)visited here day before yesterday Levilla talks of returning to Michigan. Al Blanchard was married a week ago last Thursday to Miss Del Thornton of Dorset. she is a dressmaker and is said to be a very fine girl I never saw her but expect we shall have the chance soon as we heard he was going to bring her down this way before long.

Wale and Tillie Root stayed here last night we attended for Roots and Robinsons show in the evening A Panorama of war the war bible pictures etc it was quite good it was held in Morleys new hall that is just a poor old hall, I tell you. Jim Parkins and Jane Howlett were lately married I guess she was working at Mr Hortons when you were here. Carrie Stillman is also married I dont know her husbands name. You know Sabra Blanchard we heard was to be married to a Mr (spurious) of Phila. the day was set a part of the guests were invited when she received an anonymous letter just a few days before the appointed time saying that her intended would not appear at the wedding etc Williams started right off for Philadelphia to find out about it she learned there that he was engaged to another girl and had been for two years Sabra had been engaged to him for a year. she found in fact that he was a perfect villain just as bad as he could be. this other girl had never found out what he was until she saw Williams. They said it was a great blow to Sabra. they are so proud it will be apt to finish them hurt them considerable. that is all I think of in the marriage line. I suppose you will not be at all surprised when I tell you that Solon Strickland is dead. he was buried here three weeks ago next Tuesday. I never heard the particulars of his death. Old Mrs.Blanchard is also dead she died sometime ago of cancer. Andrew Laughlin also lost his youngest Art Morris is failing all the time there was a donation made for them considerable was carried in one third of the proceeds of Cors show also went to them. There is not much sickness in town this winter.

Jan 8th I have a terrible cold and I had so much sewing to do last evening that I was obliged to lay by my writing and devote my whole time and attention to it this afternoon Louese and I visited to Martha there was quite a little company present Liz and Mira Jennie Manning Val Barlow Liz Morton Mrs Strickland Lido Morley (she has been quite sick this winter but is getting quite well again for her) Mrs Jerome Wilkins that was all I believe, had a real good time.

I believe I proposed telling you about the house sometime ago. You may be getting anxious so I dont keep you waiting longer well there was once the smokehouse is now the dining room (or will be when finished) on the east side of the room is a bedroom closet and pantry go up stairs and down cellar out of the dining room on the north side near the kitchen door on the west side of the dining room is the parlor. there is no parlor between it was going to make the room so small we thought we could get along without as there will be three rooms upstairs there is three windows in the west room one south and two west and a north door going to have a porch across the north side, when we get it finished painted outside and in I think we will have quite a pleasant house. You must come and see us then and we shall have a better place to put you. we are going to cut carpet rags this winter so as to have it all carpeted. I am thinking now of going into partnership with Tina Thayer in the spring in the dress making business what do you think of that? we have spoke for a room up to the New Store, every one thinks we will do well dont you think we might ?

one marriage I left out of the list that was Kate Shipman she married one of the Doctors at the water cure where she has been so long. they say she has got a pretty smart man. I havent told you about our Christmas presents. I got a new broom in her stocking - hung around on the broom was a fur trimmed hood a headdress a pair of waterproof overshoes, a pair of worsted stockings and a pair of gloves. Louese got a pair of waterproof overshoes a collar and a pair of all of gloves.

gloves. Nate had a pair of slippers & a shell tie. Vick a hat pair of gloves and a muffle. Walk & Emma had each a hat and gloves. I had two pair of gloves, one brown ladies cloth the other black kid and a pair of stockings The pot holder proof overshoes, pocket book, needle and a pair of sox gloves and Lorth had a very nice album, a lovely tating collar a pocket book and a black kid gloves, so you see we are all supplied with gloves Santa knew just what we wanted. Oh yes Nettie got a picture book and a new spoon. What were your Christmas presents. We were all to Martha's to a splendid turkey dinner Christmas, that evening Vick and I went to Charlie Lefos to an oyster supper the married folks were invited to Mr Sargent's ((Lydia Sargent)) Tues & Martha Vick and Lorne with the rest. Friday evening of that week we attended the first party at Merkels New Hall. a splendid supper, good music nice place for dancing and a perfectly civil company of course we couldent help having a good time it was a beautiful moonlight night but rather rough going there was considerable nearly a hundred couple you-out he thinks of having another the 22 of Feb. Tues Jenny we were invited down to Mrs Hydes house went but I dident. The next evening we had a surprise party all went-the but the surprise you know. every body was here most at least fifty of them and that is quite a good share of the dancing community. every one that was here danced. Hon and Mira Sod and Marcia Lucia and Emma Thayer I think it was the first time any of them had ever danced yes and Mrs Hyde danced with the rest and seemed to enjoy herself as well as any of them they brought oysters crackers cheese and cake all sayed they enjoyed themselves tip top. They danced in the two new rooms for music there was two violins base viol and melodeon.

Oh yes I have got the sweetest sermet dress ever saw and I have to cough with every other breath so I will hurry and tell you about my new green dress and then wind up. it is moreno trimmed with wide black velvet put on in the shape of a pyramid ther e is ten spots on the skirt and one on the front of each sleeve which are made loose and just large enough at the wrist for an undersleeve just buttoned on the waist with gold colored corder. have had my cloak out over into a tight fitting one trimmed with sable chief and tassels and my hat is black felt trimmed with green velvet two plumes one green one white and a band of gilt vines. and then I have some furs a collar and muff cheap ones of course I couldent afford any other, but they look as nice as some I have seen that cost a great deal more. I gave only ten dollars for them they are neither dark nor light - brown streaked with black. Andrew Parker has got home havent seen him yet. Uncle Thomas Witchers folks have been Tues visiting. they were gone four weeks found the friends all well. Nell is now in Kingsville attending school. Ma's health has not been very good this winter she thinks she will answer your letter before long. if I havent told you about everything you wanted to know about let me know and I will inform you on every point next time tell Than I will write to him soon as any thing happens worth telling about. a kiss for Nell tell me all about her when you write and all the news generally My love to all the folks I know

Good bye

be sure to write soon

Loving Sister

Lola

#37

Andover May 8th /64 ((maybe 12 or 22))

Dear Brother Than.

I am tired of waiting for something to happen worth telling of so I will write you that little bunk there is and supply the deficiency by sending Walk's and Burke's pictures. We are trying to get Ma to have Lora taken dont know whether we will succeed or not.

What have you been having the diphtheria for it seems as long as it might be is it through ? I suppose you are well now, are you up and how are the rest. How many teeth has Tell and how much does she talk. Has Tina any help this winter. I would like to appear before you sometime and see how you all look, would I know Nell think ((?)) or has she changed very much in her looks. I haven't heard as you have sold your place yet. we havent our house finished yet dont think it will be plastered now until spring. Tom, Martha, Vink and I were out to Uncle Dirchards about two weeks ago we found them all well they have such a pretty house nicely furnished and very pleasant. I believe I wrote to Tina something about Sabra. she has finely married Dr Clondenning they say the mess was all got up by a widow lady in Cincinnatti to break up the match. he declared it was false and explained matters as Sabra thought satisfactory and she married him New Years day. they are now living in Cincinnatti where he stands very high in his business he was appointed consul to St.Petersburgh Russia, but declined acceptance in regard to Sabras wishes James is married and lives in Illinois considerable south of where you are about middle way of the state I think they said.

Henry is also married and lives in Cherry Tree (Oil region) he has an interest in one well that brings him in five dollars a day and he has lately invested about two thousand in diffenent wells and he has made two thousand in his practice (he is a doctor) since last April. Alden Ferris was buried last Thursday, that evening there was a festival at Jim Morleys Hall for the purpose of raising funds to get a Bell for the south church. I wouldent think twould sound very musical to some of the church members knowing that a fiddlers bill helped to buy it those that attend at the North church are thinking now of having a fair for the purpose of repairing the church . Andover isent quite dead yet you see Mr Morley is going to have a grand select party at his hall the 22nd of Feb. There is to be a tailors shop put up in the spring and they say the cars are to be running by next July. Yes and Miss Thayer and Miss Hoots dressmakers shop is to be in operation by the middle of April, astonishing. Vink is at home this winter, the boys are sawing logs now and hauling back we havent had a bit of sleighing hardly this winter people have been sliping around on a little snow and considerable ice for a few days dont think it will last long though. Tom hasent gone with his patent yet but intends to as soon as he has some manufactured he expected they would be done before this. he thinks of moving West soon as he can sell his place. are you making lots of money this winter. Have you struck oil ((~~looks more like We~~)) yet? we are awful poor this winter but dont suppose we will be after I get to work I am the fleshiest this winter I ever was weigh 128 . I dout Tina can beat that. I hope you will write soon and tell me all about Lawrn sayings and doings if Tina isent about answering my letter hurry her up.

Loke

#38

Andover Ohio
March 11th/83

Friend Tina,

Many months have elapsed since I was to send you my photograph, but the pleasure I take in looking on yours occasionally, reminds me of my promise. I had some taken in Cleveland last fall, and very good ones as you see, but"such as I have give I unto thee".

Tell Tom, that you are waiting for him, as patient as ever be, watching for his coming. Just drop in then to somebody's gallery, and give us the benefit of a sitting.

I guess a few folks have written to you, that Joshua and Thomas went last Monday to Vicksb to get poor Uncle body - They came back Thursday night, his body arriving Friday by express.

Was a terrible cold blustering day; gloomy indeed as if Nature was mourning over the untimely death of one loved by his friends, and respected by all. They telegraphed Mr Shipman to preach his funeral sermon last Sabbath, but he was away from home.

The congregationalists have been having a three weeks protracted meeting here, No definite results yet attained, with the exception of Elijah & Albion Hall, who have expressed a determination to lead a Christian life hereafter, and I sincerely hope they may.

Further than this I believe there is no news of importance.

Mother's health is better this winter than usual - M has been having the ague occasionally this winter making him feel rather miserable most of the time-

Our family are all in usual health except Father Morton, who seems to be failing - He is very poorly indeed.

Now Tine, use all your persuasive powers please, to induce Hum to send me a picture.

It shall receive a cordial greeting I assure you.

Please acknowledge the receipt of mine, for I want to hear of your well being-

In the meantime believe me

Yours Truly

Lizzie G. Morton

Rowland sends compliments -

769

Georgetown March 17 1863

Remembered Cousen-

I do not intend to be as formal as you were in your letter and Mr you have you forgot that we are sisters children if your ile will has troubled you that much I sincerely hope you will think no more -- God knows I am your well wisher and affectionate Cousen.

I was very glad to hear from you and as who wrote the last letter I can not tell - it does not matter so we learn of each other one again in this unhappy world.

As formaly are all well as usual but myself I have been troubled for two or three years with my stomach everything nearly I eat hurts me I have been taking a mixture of soda rubarb and ginger. At the helper as considerable an ounce of each pulverized together and take it directly after I eat some times I think I have injured my stomach from eating to much salt you recollect how fond I was of it. You do not know how much good it does me to hear of your excellent prosperity to think you are now amid of all those hatefull Confederate boys when I think of parties singing sunscoll spelling schools how important

things not to go on I despise them all although I know I have very warm friends their every tiller and every one will leave Hell turn in this worldly drama I wish some of the Hartford people could learn of your prosperity it would do me so much good for them to have to come to you for favors - and for you as a Christian to heap coal's of fire on their heads.

We have a man and a girl hired both reliable we have had some very severe rains this month it has washed considerable fence away Willford and Millick are fixing a wetter rup this after noon we have a creek running through our place and it injures so much some times Willford has bought eighty eight acres of more land last week he gave sixty seven dollars an acre pays in two payments the first one is the first of August the second the first of next March seven months apart he is going to put in sixty acres of corn and fifteen one hundred hogs he has seventy fine ones now at home and four hundred packed in Cincinatti pack house their is an other man in company which them he has them he has refused twenty nine dollars a hundred I do hope he will do well with them. give Omar my love he does not recolect me I knew and kiss that pretty innocent baby for me a thousand times I wish I could see it give my love to your wife I suppose you have heard Albert Akins wife has a fine June give me all the news regarding youre people in youre next letter what has become of Henry I want to know all - write very soon and recollect that all you have belongs to the Lord and for some unknown reason he has loaned it to you to improve now what share of it are you operating of it for his great and holly name remember in all youre daily walk and conversations that then God sees me -

I am one of youre nearest cousins

Nell Hubbard

P S My little son Herman will be three years old the twenty ninth of April he is a sweet child we think

#70

Kalamazoo May 11 1866

Brother Nathaniel

I wrote you last winter but as you have never answered I am going to trouble you again to night I like the college and surroundings The teachers and management very well have a great many superior privileges which I desire to make the best of and good society all the while. I have been studying English History Rhetoric & Latin but gave up Rhetoric this week with the advise of my teachers and now recite in the latin classes. so as to be ready to commence the College course next fall this term closes the last of June the fall term commences the Middle of September I shall have to come here four years if I graduate the course is so long I study the most of the time I hear from my little Tibbie every week I get quite lonesome sometimes to see my wife but I tried to count the cost before taking such an important step I suppose you hear from our people often. How does Omar get along and how is Nell and Tine my love to you all my time for writing is very limited my studies press me all the while I hope you will write me without delay

I want to ask a favor of you will you lend me ten dollars until next fall I very much dislike to trouble you but my money only comes yearly I have had a great many things to buy this term that I will not another and although my expenses are nearly paid to the close of the term I need a little spending money if you can spare it to me awhile it would be a great accommodation Please write soon and direct to Box 94 Kalamazoo

Yours

E.B.Hibbits

I will tell you more about the plan of the college when I have more time if you would like. There is some wool off Gibbie's sheep which he had given him this spring and which has a nice one lamb.

#71

Andover June 17th /66

Brother Tom

How goes the time with you all hr are all frozen up today. it has been raining all day & so cold its cousin to freeze one after having had a taste of warm weather. of which we have had but very little as yet but plenty a very great plenty of wet weather. but think there is a prospect of some fruit if this cold day doesnt wind up with a frost Tom M.Heathy why dident you come & see us when you were down to visit the oil region we heard you were in this part of the country & thought you would surely give us a call we looked for you every day for two weeks. Why dident you come ? & why dont Tina write us ? Ma & I have both written to her but we hear nothing from her & we think it rather strange. is she sick or is Dell sick or is she doing her work alone, what can be the reason. Dell I suppose must be running all around by this time I would give anything to see her. Cant you send us her picture ? I wish you would & tell us all about her. We are very busy this summer I finely concluded to stay at home & help Father as she would have to hire a girl if I dident so here I am working like a little beaver. we have eighty cows. are making cheese. I milk 4 cows every night & morning. Ma let out considerable land to the shares Walk stays at home & tends the farm. Will works around where he can get a chance is shearing sheep now he want to get enough together to go to commercial college this fall. there is to be one started in Kingsville this fall. Bruce is working at present in Lights mill. he wants to get a place in a store. thinks he would like that the best of anything but hasnt succeeded yet. Ma's health hasent been very good of late she has had so much to worry her. the house isent finished yet & I dont wonder she gets discouraged I dont know when it will be done some time this summer I suppose there hasent been enough warm weather to season the lumber yet. Andover is quite a busy little place this summer to what it used to be Morley has a large stock of goods & is doing a big business Kat ((maybe Wat)) Morley has his clothing store in the basement room to Sims. Mr Sweet is putting up a tailors shop west of the school house second lot from the corner & in the brown building where Hamlet used to live is carried on a drug store a jewelers shop & a blacksmiths shop & a little way south of the center you will see the frame of a nice house belonging to Robert Hollo & a Fair Ground to be laid out on the old Hollo farm is a settled thing they have raised money enough to fit the grounds & the committee is appointed aren't you surprised now ?

Ma Gibbs is in town also John Gibbs & family they have sold there farm in Wisconsin Johns sister that has kept house for him since his wife died was buried today. Time will remember her I think. Tina Lawyer sat with the mourners & marched with us to the grove so we can imagine what will come next. Last Thursday I went to Kingsville to attend the exhibition which came off Friday in the grove had the gayest kind of a cry good time every thing passed off very pleasently

Hoping to hear from you very soon I will bid you Good Night

Jake

Miss Nell for me & tell Tina she must write to me right straight and tell me all the news How is business with you this summer ?

#72

#72

Managua July 31st /66

Mr H Boothby

Dear Sir

expect that the $100.00 Note will be due in a few days and if I shouldent be able to send the money get it renewed as I have had bad luck with my Patents had to make them anew after I got back and have the promise of one machine on thursday so it has put me back that much but I may be able to meet it all right if it does not come due for a couple of weeks yet. have been helping Edwards this last week in his yard while waiting for the Machine have a chance to trade the lot of Minnesota for 120 acres of Land the land is within 7 miles of St Paul and is partly improved will know by the last of the week whether it is a trade or not please let me know when the time is up on the First Note and oblige

yours truly

R L Root

#73

Andover August 12th/ 66

Dear Sister

I know you dont deserve a letter but I am tired of waiting & have come to the conclusion to give you no peace until you will write to me. We are well as usual & all at home now but we are trying to get Pa to go and spend two or three weeks with Aunt Caroline. I rather think we will succeed. their family are all gone now but Eddie. Frank is West & Lola is married she married a brother of Ed Akins wife a merchant at Burghill. they have gone to keeping house. Russel Marvin & wife have been to visit Nora in Tennessee they called to see Sebra Blanchard they said she was very pleasently situated & seemed to be very happy.

Our house stands in the same unfinished condition that it has all summer but there is a Mason coming tomorrow to commence the cellar wall we are feeling very much rejoiced about the matter.

I suppose you will want to know all the news thats going well I'll give you all that I can think of. the latest & most surprising to community at large is the marriage of Ty Hanley & Liz Ness which took place a week ago last Thursday morning they dident make any wedding but started right away after the ceremony on a bridal tour to Vermont. they have not returned yet. I dont know as you have been acquainted with all the changes in town so I will tell you some thing re- garding them. In the Frank building that Parker used to live in is now occupied on a shoe shop a jewelers shop & a drug Store. Nat Hanley has his clothing Store in the Basement fo Jim Le (Che) has been doing an extensive business this summer will Enos is clerking there now. Mr Dunot has put up a building across the road from Hanleys Store for a Tailors Shop with a Basement to rent. Mr Gibbs had bought out Doc. Belden & is practician in town he intends occupy the house if he thought Ed & Vina Thayer will perhaps go to housekeeping there this fall. There is another young doctor located here Bailey from York State. there is but very little sickness here now the doctors are having pretty easy times Robert Hiebe has a nice home nearly completed. It is expected that work is to be suspended on the railroad west of Frank I believe is said to be the reason, if this road should never be finished as is feared by some, Andover would be dead dead

nearly all of the business men would leave. It has been so much livelier this summer than it used to be. You are coming down to attend the fair this fall aren't you ? It is to come off the 12th 13th 14th of September. the grounds are laid out on the old Kilbo farm it is said they have the best track here of any of the fair grounds around. you must be sure to come for its going to be a grand affair -

Mary Beach (a Kingsville graduate) is to teach the fall school here. Walk & Duke are going I received a letter from Thar a short time ago tell him I'm very much obliged & will answer before long but he gave me nothing satisfactory about your writing so I thought I would write to you first now do if you have any mercy on me answer this right away. write a long letter telling all the news & be sure to tell me everything about Nell. Miss her for her auntie.

no more

Sister Lelo

#74

1876

Monmouth. Oct 6th 1866 ((maybe 1876 ?))

Dear Sister

Received your letter last evening. I am much better than when Mr. McFadden wrote you it is the first time I ever was sick that is since I can remember and I hope it will be the last time. I had been sick about four weeks and was getting better fast thought one day I felt well enough to go up Town and the consequence was I was taken with a relapse. but a good Doctor and good Nursing (for I had the best of care) brought me safe through. the Doctor and the watchers got a little scared one night. They couldont find by me the address of any of my relatives so They looked over my Letters and found Rubes address and went to the Depot to telegraph to Him but found that the dispatch wouldant be delivered untill the next morning and a letter would reach Him just about the same time so They wrote Him my condition (the change for the better or worse was to cum that nigh) also that They would telegraph Him in the morning if the change was for the worse. the next morning I was better. They also found Mothers address the next morning and wrote to Him and as soon as I got my senses which was the day I received your letter I had a letter written to you. I am now able to sit nearly all the time and can walk around the Room. my appetite has been good for nearly two weeks. can see that I am gaining strength every day and gaining in flesh a week ago last monday dont think I weighed over one hundred pounds and do beleave I have gained 15# since. I was do in fine was having plenty of work and had bout a hundred and fifty dollars in the Bank but dont expect I will have much left got it has been eight weeks since I have done any thing and probily will be two more before I will be able to.just as soon as I am able am going Home if I can raise money enough and if I do will buy a ticket to Philadelphia and return can 12 or 15 dollars by doing so and if I do will go to Philadelphia and stay two or three days. if I go think I shall start the last of next week. stop a few days in Chicago so we will be in Philadelphia at the same time. When you get there you can drop a postal in the office where you are stopping and I can find you as you probily will get there first I hav offer of a big job of Graining from a man in Peoria day before yesterday it is one of the finest Houses in the City could have made for dollars pr day on the job but He wanted it dun right off which of course I couldant do. Hoping to meet you eather in Phila or Home will close with best wishes to all from

L.L.Root ((Tim))

#75

Andover Oct 7.1866

Dear daughter I wonder if you would be glad to hear from home once more or

especially from your father all are well but myself I feel tired out and it is an old story Thank God sickness has not really counted us to stop work for two days past well Tenthen thought it must from you that quite took us by surprise a boy I congratulate you I think the babies will keep you busy this winter I would like to come and see you but it is impossible this fall our house is in an uproar we are having the chambers finished and a porch built on the north side of the house and over the west door the cellar wall is just finished what we appreciate a place that wont freeze our potatoes and apples for we have a good crop of both indeed time we expect a warm comfortable house to winter in you and Than will be glad with us I know but there is the buttery to be done yet and all the plastering is to be done Lovinski is clerking for Mat Harley he learns at home Wallace and Lucius find enough to do we have to depend on them to manage for us and keep things moving I have been out to Cambrige this fall and was gone two weeks if I have my health I shall try to visit you about a year from now they have had a good fair so it is said and this week a horse fair is to be held three days Lucius helps tend grocery for Strickland Lebert Allen folks are again afflicted they have buried their little girl eight months old marriages Byron Harley & Lis Enos also Ed Gibbs & Vine Thayer

Chestina it is hard work for me to write and I know you will have hard work to read this Lucius want to come out and live with you a year or more if Than wants him he thinks he can be a good boy and help you ever so much if you will write and let us know about it you will oblige us I shall want to hear how you get along write I would like to get a letter from Than love to you all little Nell and whats his name from your mother Hannah Root

#76

Nashville Tenn Jan 5th 1865

Brother Than

I wrote a letter to Lola some time ago but havent received an answer as yet so thought I would just drop you a few lines thinking perhaps that you would like to hear from me and to see if I could not hear from Vaugen

Well suppose you have read all about the Fight at Nashville I was in the fight both days the 15th we was on the Reserve but on the 16th we were on the front where we had some pretty hot work our Regt charged the Rebell works in front of 12 pcs of Artilery and I tell you the shells and balls whistled around my devoted head rather to close for comfort but went through safe and sound dont believe the Rebs were ever more effecually routed than on that day our Regt was the first in their works being their last line they left the vicinity for good we followed them as far a Spring Hill where I was left in Hospital with the Jaundice and came here on the 30th but am all right now will join the Regt in a few days saw Vaudorn Root Devill Root Hink Marvin and Jim Hale the other day they were well but thought they were used rather rough Alan Blanchard was left sick at Murfreesborough Tenn they all belong to Co (I) 177 Ohio Regt Vol Infty found their folks all right in Andover but Father dont believe he has long to live he voted for CLE ((:)) havent heard from them since I left, please write soon my love to all yours truly

R L Root

((My grandfather - paternal - 1st.Lieut.William Carroll Waldron, a Confederate, was captured by the "Yankees" at that Nashville Battle, Dec.16 -))

#77

Camp Zeire Danville Ky
Jan 7th 1862

Brother Than

Well it has been a devile of a long time since I had the pleasure of getting a letter from Varron begin to think that the folks have all forgotten that such a man lives as myself perhaps you have heard among other Reports that I have lost my (Trunk in some unknown battle but prove to not the case I believe besides that I should find it out as soon as anyone if an accident of the kind should occur any way believe I am sound yet if anything of the kind should happen I will promise to write but there is not much danger at present by the way things are moving for the Rebells are being driven farther from us every day by the story that our tells us are needed more at home that now than here he represents the Rebell Party as the strongest and that the Union Party are afraid to oppose them but I think the old cook must be mistaken dont believe but what there is enough of you left to clean out without down get up and howl against our Government at this stage of the game if not all that I wish is that we could be allowed to go back and utterly clean out all such that dare to peep as far as I am concerned just as soon fight Rebells there as here. and would like the chance to drain a head on every devil of them but I guess you fellows will talk care of that c[illegible] at home excellent reason but we would be called on to assist in Virginia yet they begin to think that it takes the western Boys to do the thing up brown. in fact it begins to look so by the late battles , expect you have heard as much about them as we have. well we are now signing our Pay Rolls will draw pay up to the first of December this pay that will better than a wheel on the head but would rather get the balance. the report has just come in that Virginia is over with all that is in it that Rosencrance has the Rebells under full retreat and following them close up think the Rebs must begin to feel down in that quarter in fact it begins to look as though day had really begun to dawn we hear that quite a number of our friends over the line have been drafted badly for them as the Boys say badly for Cox and he's drafted well As for me I was never better in my life than at the present we have an easy time as a general thing without boasting I can say that I have not an enemy in the Company we are living fine weather better than we will have if we go to the Potomac I imagine as some promise we will go there soon but I dont believe we will leave Kentucky this Winter well when I get laid of some of the green Backs will send you some. dont suppose you would want any of the green Backs that are quite current here among the Soldiers expect you are all busy building 3 & 10 Bush would like mightily to be in the same business but let it slip I am in for three years tell Mat to write would like to hear from Tine begin to think she has forgotten how to write tell Mat Mary Ann would like to hear from him give my best wishes to all.

cant think of any more this pop suppose you have got figured up for 1862 if so would like to hear how the Institution stands if convenient may be that I shall be able to send bout $175.00 to you before long must pay some borrowed money to the Boys. but if you are pretty hard up I can borrow some of the Boys until next Pay Day but dont know as would pay for would have it to pay then well suppose Hopkins cutt quite a swell around there believe if we can get some money of him for a good length of time that I will come home in the Spring shall unless they let me have a Furlough give my love to Miss and rest of the folks yours truly write soon

Benjamin L Root

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Smithland Ky Feb 5 /63

Brother Than

I wrote you from Louisville well we left there on the night o of the first at 10o the Fleet is now moving down the Ohio will be at Smithland tomorrow morning where we are to take on Coal to last us Fort Donelson whither we are bound at present expect we will go from there to Memphis there is now about 20000 Troops aboard. the right wing of our Regt is on board the F D Lindeton and the left wing aboard the Nashville there is two gun Boats in advance we will likely reach Donelson about the 10th expect that will be about as far as I shal goe expect to get my papers there on quite well now only troubled some with the Rheumatism caused expect by sleeping on the ground but will soon get over that and other complaints after being home a while out enjoying the comforts of life once more I did think I could stand rated as any of them until quite lately John stands it hully he makes as good a Soldier as any of them discharging his duties about right for he were learnt how to do a thing some of the Boys thought he was rather green on the start to be a Corporal but they have found out different by trying him on they dont feel his match.

well there is not much to write about at present expect you will see me that way soon give my best wishes to Uncle Dirt and the rest of the Folks generally yours Truly read this if you can and the bad writing partly to the motion of the Boat write soon direct to Fort Donelson Ky

R L Rest

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Nashville Tenn
February 13th 1863

Brother Than

It has been a long time saince I had the pleasure of receiving a letter from you and guess Dirt and Uncle have forgotten how to write but suppose you all expected me home before this by what folks have told that have b been lucky enough to get home and I expected to have been home before this myself and my writing together with what folks have told presume is the reason of your not writing but these Military matters have to move just so slow especially where there is so much red tape as there is in these times. hope to God I will get my papers before long expect this row every day have had to be left behind for the last two months for not being able to march and it aints like the Devil here in this miserable God forsaken Country it has cost me over $100.00 Dollars the last two months best I could doe here

Well we are getting down pretty nigh what they call Dixie our Brigade is in Camp about three miles out of Town towards Murfreesboro at these Rebel Army now lays we are in Camp with about 30 000 troops which force will be the Reserve Corps when he again moves but dont know as they will be needed saince they have gone to assisting the Federal Regiment in the late battle of Donelson about 20 Niggs took Guns and the Soldiers say they fought like Devils. it must hurt the feelings of A Rebell to be shot by Nigger twould mine. Johns health is good Soldering seems to aggree with him. give my best wishes to all hope I shall be one among you before long yours truly

Newton L Rest

300

Madison Feb 22 05

Dear Cousin
Sunday Eve I received your letter in due season and was very glad to hear from you but very sorry to hear of your having to part with your little one: it must be an awful trial to give up a child & especially an only one: it seems to me as if it would kill me outright to be obliged to pass through such a trial: but still I may be called on to do it some time but I hope never: I had anticipated a good visit from you & I hope never so much on account of it too: I have not seen him since you was to our house in Brooklyn: Albert will be 7 years old in May & is quite a big boy he has been to school last summer & this winter & is learning real fast much better than I expected he is so full of mischief

Monday Eve I have been washing today and am pretty tired but I thought I would make another effort to finish this letter. if I could only see you I could find so much to tell about but I suppose I must content myself with writing at present at least: I wish I had so much money that I did not know what to do with it I would come right straight up and see you (now isn't that a wish worth something) I might as well make a wish worth while as any other way: I don't know I should go down home this spring and stay a week in sugar making time but don't know whether I shall go or not it looks like a big thing to me to take two children away from home so long: I presume I shall back out and wait untill summer we are having considerable lively times here this winter:

We are having dancing schools here every week, every tuesday Eve we have had six and are to have six more Old Peter Upson & Scott Bartholomew of Geneva play for us: they formed themselves into a company of 22 and pay 25 each to defray expenses and all others that want to come in and dance pay 50 cents a night and that does towards paying for the dance: we are to have a grand Masquerade Ball next Tuesday Eve: I am going to personate the Indian Chiefs daughter I have got part of my rig ready we are going to have Miss Percy & Miss Fidget & a flower girl & goddess of liberty & two or three squaws & a country girl & country woman & German girl & Morning & evening star & others too numerous to mention & the men are going to do something too: the men are not to know what the women do or who they are not untill they go down to the supper table and then they must pick out their partner if they can: neither do the women know who their partner is not until they unmask at the table & then what a shouting there will be if they have not got the right one: Kent has gone after Tilla he went yesterday and was coming back today but it snows hard and the snow is w 4 or 5 inches deep and very wet so I do not think he will come back today: my family are all well at present: Mr Rees family are also well & all the rest of the folks that you know about here: Jennie is last this winter on a visit & is having a good time of course: I must draw my letter to a close for want of room and time and something to write that will interest you: please to write soon again & believe me as ever your affectionate cousin

F.M.Preston

I have got a new Sabbatical coat $4 and a new Deep shirt $1.50 I have got a new clothes wringer and a turn table pairing machine to pair soles with. I did not get any new winter dress this winter: I thought I would wait till goods got so high that I could not get one and then go without I have got a new Black straw bonnet trimed with Blue: I have also got a new calico dress cost 25 cents per yard & cotton cloth is fetching 50 cents per yard — and a new pair of gaiters

Andover March the 22 1863

Dear friend Chastina

I received your letter some time ago and should of answered it before this time but have been waiting to visit at your fathers I went there last week Wednesday they were all as well as usual Thomas had just returned from Mr Gibbons he seemed quite tired

It is sabath day today and it is the warmest and pleasants day we have had this spring I did not go to Church today but Willie and I went to Johns to see the sick(and Charles went to Church) John Butler is sick with the typoid fever has been sick 4 weeks and does not get any better and in the time Lemuel has been sick so they did not think she would live but she is better now so she walks around a little My sister Amelia is very sick with the same fever I went to see her a week ago today I was a freid she would never recover but she is a little better now There has been several deaths since you left I presume your people have written about them I will mention them to your grandfather was the first he was buried (Thirteen day Mrs Clay New Years day. Theodore Lane two weeks after and old Mr Smith a few weeks after he was (while Uncle Father I did not know as there was such a man in town untill he died I attended a funeral of a little boy in Richmond ((maybe Kirkwood))that made me think of your little one the sickneses being the same I do not remember the name but her fathers name was Thorpen she was on a visit as you was they sent for her husband he did not get there untill after the child died so you see you are not the only one that has been such trouble

Thomas Brittons wife was buried last week I went to Concord last month with Mr Merlayes folks was gone three days I left Willie at home with Olmsted and came I had a very pleasant visit Squire ((maybe Squire)) was very much disappointed because he did not see you Philo has been out he said he would not of missed of seeing you for a good deal he wished that he could of seen them Willie is quite well for him but he is far from being well yet he is better this spring than he ever has been in the spring that is the worst time of year for his complaint he has worn pants some time he thinks he is almost a man now he never speaks of Mary without speaking of Inice to he says they are in heaven and so they are free from trouble and suffering

Mary has been out this winter she was sorrow that she did not see you Josette was down hear last week she went to the center to get some silk to fix her dress I intend to help her fix it I am now very busy making some shirts for my brother John he is goin to be married the 9 of next month so you see it is necessary he should have his shirts we have an invitation to the wedding so not know whether we shall go or not it is so far the intended one lives in Concord her name is Martha Hartson Lite says that she is a very smart girl, I never saw her. Millie is goin to teach this summer in the same place that Lole taught this winter Eliza ann is goin to stay at home

Elin is in Concord withe the Boys he expects to stay withe them Well I have written about all of our folks except Father Mother and Mamie well I beleave they are well I did not intend to have my letter composed of my folks entirely

Your folks said that your sister received you after a long time to the railroad man did not drink it up I think we shall stay here this summer you know that I wrote to your that we talked of coming west I think we shall some time but what part we are not desided for my part I should like to live by you but I do not know as we could get land as cheap. there as else where you know Olmsted has no trade

as he is oblige to leave it blanked says he is going to write to Kat before long

I do not think of any more to write if I could see you I could say a great deal more than I can write Remember me to Tom Thorton and wife and Kirt my love to you write soon and excuse all mistakes From your sincere friend

Julia S. Taber

Jon

Jericho Tay the 10th 1863

Dear Tine

I received your letter in due time but have long neglected to acknowledge the receipt of it, for reasons known to myself, except it be the season of the year when one is unusually busy I have been house cleaning & moving we have not gone on our farm yet but have moved into the back part of the house. Grandpa Conley has moved back and occupy the front part Henry says he will go on our own place in about 2 months in season to do our having. that package came safely through & I devoured its contents all in less than 3 days. it is a beautiful story. now shall I keep it in remembrance of you or shall I send it back to you

We are having a very cold backward spring for all that we have done something on our place, Ben has got a nice piece of wheat & oats and I have set out a fine lot of different bushes & pie plant & some shrubery and flowers it does seem good to have a piece of ones own dont it? I guess I know how you feel. I guess you have got tired hearing about my personal affairs so I will try to say something else.

Oh Tine how do you feel about this dreadfull war by this time. Gen Hooker defeat will have a tendency to prolong this mighty struggle do not you think so I have a brother at Fredricksburg all ready but their losses & they expected them every moment no telling by this time what his fate is. they were flouting when he wrote. Oh dear they have had a dreadful slaughter. no other word will express it. why is it that they are so unsuccessfull in that department. but I think Hooker will do something good yet if they will reenforce him & not remove him from office as they have done all the rest. if our cause was not a just one I should begin to think providence was against us.

The health of our family is very good indeed & I hope you and Tom are well for good health is truly a great blessing. John Mattler's family has all been sick & Julia is quite sick now. they are going to move down into that house that was Julia's poor Amelia but perhaps it is her gain & it is no to be pitied. it always seemed worse for one of her age to die than children or older people it seems as though their anticipation were greater when they first begin their married life than it is before or ever after.

It is hard to see sweet little children die but Jesus says suffer little children to come unto me & forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven. you spoke in your letter as though you blamed your self for not doing more for Lois I think that wrong. you did all that was in your power to do & to blame yourself only does you hurt & him no good. I presume no power on earth could have saved him & you must try to think that all is for the best. you spoke as though I blamed Lewis for changing Annie it was her fathers disposition she reminded him of Lois how as well as he did Johny so dear for one we was think I thought his naughty

Mary Ella is going to work. Mr Carlile school this summer Lola has got a school some where but I have forgotten where. Thomas has been very to lazy around to Michigan I think. Well. Ellen is here I think some of you know he has some brothers in Michigan I think he is too foolish to think of moving west he is well enough off here and my way is he let well alone

Give my compliments to Eben & his wife & tell Louisa when she goes to New York again to call at Andover & see her Friends. Dont let her or Eben see this. you may give my love to Aunt & he cant help himself. I was very glad when I got your good long letter and I hope you will do just so the next time.

Bird & Ella has been over here & taken tea we had a large full. Ann Strickland is living here so you see we still are not lonesome. I guess I cannot think of any thing more to write. Give my love to Aunt I except a portion for your self.

From your friend & well wisher

Eva Lang Harley

PS there has been heavy fireing to the north west and now they are fireing down to the center Ben is going down to hear what the news is it must be important or they would not do so on Sunday

#33

Andover July 11 1865 1863 ?

Dear daughter I ought to have written before now but I have not been settled enough since I got here I am quite well and staying with Lola until Orrin gets room painted and clean of I arrived in Chicago that night after leaving you and started from there at half past nine got into one of them nice cars and thought it all most as good as a elevator car in fact and dident have to get out till we got to Galesville and got to Tomah at five Thursday afternoon stuff there untill last Monday Will and Ella come up there it dont look very bad in this after all gardens and corn are better than in Wisconsin berries are very abundant but not many apples Ive seen Dr Wibert he let me have some medicine says he thinks I get better if not I shall go down to Greenville to see Dr Franklin Porter he is curing every body they say. I want to know how you not along on your journey home and all about the children Mira King has got a girl three months old Henry is working at his trade Marsha Wade is going to California with a company from Washington another match Dora Phillips has come home from Kansas to spend the summer with her parents I havent seen all the folks yet and I dont feel like writeing so goodbye for this time, now Mira write soon

from your mother.

Hannah Root

#34

Fairfaxe Town. July 22nd 1863

President of board of Trustees
Warren Ills.
Dear Sir:

I write in behalf of Charles Smith Co, F 96th Ills.Vol. He informs me that you have ordered a side walk to be built on two sides of his lot in Warren and requests me to say to you that that man he has not the funds to build said side walk. If possible I hope you will extend the time, as he is now down here doing service for his country. I am happy to inform you that Charley is a good faithful soldier ever ready to do his duty. Such patriots should have every favor shown them not absolutely injurious to the public weal. If you

can grant the favor asked please inform Mrs.Smith.

The 96th are doing finely now, enjoying good health and [illegible] to themselves and others, in view of the glorious news all over the land, that soon the weary soldier will meet with the loved ones at home.

Col.Champion is now Brigade Commander Col.Atkins having joined Wilders Brigade of Mounted Infantry.

Hoping that the Patriotic citizens of Warren, and who is not Patriotic now, will do all they can for his soldier friend

I am ever

Very Respectfully

Your Obe. Servt

G.W. Upton

#65

Howell, Oct.16th /65

Dear Brother Nathaniel

We received your interesting letter last evening and was very glad to hear from you I assure you. we had not heard a word from John nor any thing about him until we received your letter last evening it relieved in some measure our anxiety for we were very anxious to hear from him ever since the battle and he is always so prompt to write we knew he would do so unless something serious was the matter. were very thankful to learn it is nothing worse

I taught this summer and closed sometime ago. Emma and myself are now attending school at Mrs Mayfeet's Seminary she has a very pleasant school of over 60 scholars I expected to teach again this winter and have a school engaged I think though I had much rather accept of your invitation and come out there and make you a good visit this winter and then stay as much longer as I please I have always wanted to come and see you and I think I could not have better chance and I presume I can employ myself in some useful way and something that will be just as useful and profitable as teaching fortunately I have intimate acquaintances that are going right to Illinois next week and if I had that which is necessary in order to travil I could come right in company with them. they are going to attend the great fair at Chigo. this is one reason of my writing promptly, and if you get this letter by saturday night and then monday morning send a letter and means for coming I think I shall receive it in time to arrive there in warren next saturday night and go with those that I am acquainted so I shall not be lonely. I would like to come very much nothing would suit me better although I would rather pay my own expenses if I were able but I think it is very kind in you to offer me such A good chance and I shall ever feel grateful to you for it. Father will write to you some, probbaly and send with this. I shall be getting ready and will be ready to start soon after I get your letter. be prompt as you can if you would like to have me come I will be there in short order I will defer saying any more until I hear more from you, my respects to Chestina

yours with and in haste,

S C B
Sarah C.Boothby

86

Newberry ((?)) Nov.1st /83

Dear Mrs Boothby

It is Sunday and I am at home, and it has pleased God to be here once more. It would be impossible for me to write to you the real pleasure I am receiving since my return to Ohio, the meeting of my friends, friends formed in early childhood how near and dear they seem to one. Perhaps you are thinking that I have forgotten my friends in Harmon since meeting with my old friends but it is not so, I have been so busy visiting that I have not had time to take a decent long breath since my return. I felt that that I must have a few moments this morning, and so I have shut myself up and will write.

I had no trouble on my way here. Although I did not have Mr.Hogrough and Daughter for company further than Chicago. They rouged there over night and I did not, but I was very fortunate I met with an old acquaintance in Chicago, Miss Black, so that I had pleasant company all the way. Now for she lives in the same town that I do, she had been to Ill. in a visit, and so I enjoyed the journey home very much.

And when I stepped of the Cars at Deerville the should I meet but an uncle of mine and we went down to Cousins and took dinner and then started for home when we got to uncles of course we must stop and then they declared they could not take me home till morning and so I stayed and I will not tell the pastimes that for you to imagine. These apples and cakes you gave to me were so nice, and they done me so much good. I brought some of the cake home and treated my friends. They all praised it very highly and some of my Gentleman friends said they would like to kiss the one that made it.

I have one kiss to send you may give that Boothby and my love to all the rest.

Good morning.

M Allie

87

Harmon July 7th 1885

Dear Wife

Your letter was received this evening and in the first place you dont answer my letters quite as prompt as I answer yours I dont think but as you have had such a bad time with your eye I suppose you are excusable but then when you commence a letter ~~why~~ if you finish it up and send it immediately you will get a reply so much sooner as I always answer the same day I receive I am well as usual except I am nearly roasted we have had very hot weather here this week as hot as I wish to see there was a very large crowd here the fourth larger than I ever saw I think here at one time but there was considerable dissatisfaction in regard to the miserable arrangements made at the fair grounds for the accomodation of the crowd as regards seats and there was no bower at all and people were obliged to stand out in the hot sun and hear the speech or not hear it at all Mr Dunn spoke and I think made a sensible speech to a large crowd from Council Hill and some of the returned Soldiers walked in the procession headed by the old 21 (([illegible] 76th)) Battle Flag which was pretty badly torn up and Sid & Si ? had a big dance in the evening I was in my office all day

except to go up and hear the speech and made heavy sales all of $5.50 but the next day I took in $ 60$((can't decipher the amount)) About your coming home of course I should be glad to see you any time but I suppose seeing you two there you had better have your visit out and of course you will use your own pleasure in regard to time of coming home I traded off my engine & Boiler today with a man at Mineral Point I got one of Woodburrys engines 10 bore 11 stroke that has bin run about ? months while mine is 8 bore and 12 stroke and has bin run 7 years and burnt once I gave $1000 to boot I think I have an engine now that will run the whole mill easy that will have to be set up and I will have to be here which will be another hindrance to my coming down to Andover but perhaps I may come down yet there is one thing sure I would like to If I should not I want you should call on my Irish uncle down to Vernon and make Isabel and her husband a visit I know they would like to see you very much You must have had a good time down in the grove on the 4th I would have given $10 to have bin there

Yours

* for Bell N Boothby

Andover March 31st ((no year)) 1887 ?

Dear Sister

We were overjoyed to receive your letter last Friday we had been waiting to hear from you for so long that at last I gave up all hopes & made up my mind that today I would write to you & beg your mercy a little. We were very much pleased to see the young Major (you neglected to tell us his name) ((it was Ben)) I think he resembles Bell as I remember her. You must not neglect to send her photograph when you have them taken.

I dont know of any thing I would like better than to see you & Than & your babies. When are you coming home again? I wish you would come this summer. Why cant you ? You would hardly know your old home now. I dont remember if I told you how the rooms are arranged or not for fear I have not I'll tell you now. The old kitchen remains as it was the north room is divided into two bedrooms. in the other part is two rooms & a bedroom & closet at the east side & buttry we go up stairs & down cellar from the middle room. There is a porch covering the west door in the kitchen & extending west across the other part, a door opens onto it from the west room which makes that room very pleasant. I always think so much of a north door. There is two bedrooms upstairs a closet in each they are very pleasant rooms. The plastering was all done last fall & now if we only had the doors hung upstairs the painting & papering done we would be fixed. but I dont see much chance for it at present. Pa has rented the farm for three years to John Green they live in the house with us occupy the kitchen two bedrooms north & the buttry which opens both from the kitchen & dining room. they dont have to come in our rooms for anything now we go in theirs that dont prevent us from hearing (they have four children) but we have got used to that they moved in the first of March. We will use the west room for kitchen as the north door is so handy to water & wood soon as it is warm enough to move the stove we have lived in the middle room this winter.

Ma is not feeling very well this spring I think she will be better when it comes warm weather. Mattie has been living with Jen through the winter. Vink has been chopping I dont know what they are going to do next summer Walk is going to run the engine for Wight he commenced about two weeks ago. he boards with them now when Vink & Mattie find places Ma & I will be left alone she wouldent have let the farm but the boys didont want to work it so she could do no other way. Mr Green is a very industrious man & every one thinks will do well. Tube & Son are out with their patent most of the time Tube is living where Joe Belden did Joe Gibbs owns the place. Quite a change down to Hydes & Bunsons Mrhyde

((don't find remainder of letter))

It is from Joe

#89

Andover July 30th ((no year -1867))

Dear Sister

I have waited to hear from you until at last I came to the conclusion that you didont intend to write to me any more. What is the reason Tino I know you must be very busy with your two children to care for but if you had written me a very short letter I would have been satisfied. I surely answered your last letter & very promptly too if you are particular as to dates I can inform you that I received your letter March 25th and answered it the 31st. We are all well as usual. Ma's health has been quite good this summer. I am staying at home yet but I suppose you know that I new answer to the name Mrs Birch I dont know how long I shall remain at home or in Andover. Will & his brother carry on a Drug Store & Hotel they have rented the buildings only until spring & may not stay here longer than that. I cant say what Vink is going into this fall he has been running an engine in ~~our mill~~ mill in Boon Town this summer Walk has been fireman in Wights mill he is going to board at home & go to school this fall. Irvin has been clerking in the Drug Store since April. I think perhaps he will board with them and go to school this fall.

Are you getting many berries this year? there is quite a good many in this vicinity but so far from us that I fear our share will be very small We will have but very few apples crops look quite promising and we have the best garden this year we've had since I can remember. I believe I told you all about Mr Green taking the place he is very industrious & will we think do well I dare say you have heard that Hydes folks & Tom King went to Michigan last spring I havent heard what they are doing I dont believe any thing has happened of late I cant think of any news to write you can tell me what you most want to know about & I will give you full particulars I wont write more this time it is most night I have got to go to the winter & I want to take this to the office now in the name of all thats good write to me without delay

Ma sends her love she owes you a letter I believe you must excuse her it is such a task for her to write I will get her at it soon as I can We are anxious to know how you all are we dont even know your babies name. tell me about the children. I would like to see them wouldent I well. Bell must be a great girl by this time. I wish you would has her photograph & send some. Tell Tham he promised me his but I never have received it and Tino do get a good one of yourself youknow the one we have is a miserable one. Will & I are going to have some taken soon I will send them to you love to all a kiss for the babies Good night

Lola

#90

Andover Sep 29 1867

Dear Daughter for a long time I have thought about writing you a letter it seems like a hard task but you dont think I care any less for you because I hant written we are all well and getteing along some how Lola is staying here yet and Wallace and Drucius are living at home and going to school they worked very steady all summer Walk worked as fireman in Wights mill he had 25 dollars the two first months and 30 dollars for the three last he is a good steady boy I think will ((omitted make)) his way in the world pretty well Drucius helped in the Drug Store with his brother Birch he gave good satisfaction he gets his clothes and some more and tries to about right Levinski has worked in different places just about earns his living Chestina I shall have to give up about coming to visit you

this fall I am sorry, but it is so I must keep house this winter for the boys to go to school besides it is out of my power to put a [illegible] to come this year but will come as soon as I can you see I began this letter some time ago and laid it aside for a day or two and then Uncle Marive and aunt Caroline and Aunt Lola came and we had a first rate visit the next week news came that Uncle Akins was dead. I did not go down to the funeral it was so rainy I dont know the particulars about his death but supose he must have had a fit Aunt Loly is sick with the heart disease they are afraid she will not live long she was very feeble when she was here I was at Burghill last June and saw Mr and Mrs Fitzgerald they were well and wanted to be remembered by Than I cant write much more you cant read this to write you dont know how I want to hear from you I know you want to hear the news about the folks in Andover I will try to tell more next time love to Than and the children from your affectionate mother

Hannah Root

they are all well to Rubes and Young ((?)) Rube is keeping hotel at the center

#91

Andover Nov 12th 1867

Mr.N Boothby

Dear Sir

it has been some time since I had the pleasure of hearing from you and suppose you have begun to think that you had heard the last of me but guess Rube will come out all right one of these days there is one thing certain Than when I once get clear you neever will Hatch me in another box like this suppose you have heard that I am keeping the Hotel this winter and if times keep up as they have commenced shall make something this winter the Patent we have both been waiting for the Deed of the new Improvement so we have done nothing with it this fall Than I wish if it is so you can you would see Morris of Galena and have him square up the Books bottween Barrow and me think there is something due me. have him notice about the Stock that was there when I commenced and what left. besides I hear that they are taking some mineral out of the Old Higgins wish you would see Seekley and have him inform me of my interests there the amt that I owe you will pay soon as possible you know how it is it makes no difference how tight a pinch a fellow is in he must live at least until he strikes a streck of good luck again then he is all right once more it may be that I would like to come and work in that part of the country in the Spring write soon love to all

Yours truly

R.L.Root

#92

Dear Friend Feb 2nd 1868 ((no town or state))

Your kind letter was recd in due time and was very welcome. I had often thought of you and of writing but kept delaying it till your letter spurred me wonfresh. I make a great many good resolutions but do not always manage to keep them. I had a very pleasant time while visiting last Spring and only regretted my time was so limited and it was so hard for me to get about. I should have come by Warren but was too tired out. shall like to make it up some other time if nothing happens. but I really think you might visit us in the Spring or Summer cant you ? I fear you are getting extravagant so many new things still I would advise you to get all you can that adds to ones comfort or convenience

as money would be of small account could we not spend it. we are expecting to make another addition to our house in the Summer so I am waiting till that is done before we furnish. I intend to go to Chicago in the fall and select what I want so if there is anything particular you want from there you had better get it before I go as the chances will be rather slim after.

Santa Clause was quite partial to you but as long as he remembered us we need not complain. to begin at the beginning Martin had a jack knife. cork screw, pair of scales and a years subscription to the Evening Journal.

I had an embroidered pocket handkerchief, a pair of kid mittens with fur on the wrists. painted linen collar and a picture (farm yard view) and silver thimble.

Emma had a broach, embr.handkerchief, coral ring, and some ribbons for her hair.

Artie a suit of clothes, checker board, and gloves.

Puna a box of square spelling blocks, red tin pail,china mug, picture book and gum,candy & c ((etc I suppose)) I made a Christmas dinner and Charlotte one New Years after this it will be Thanksgiving and Christmas. that little dress pattern is very pretty I fear it made you trouble. we have another way of cutting the skirts for any kind of waist. a perfect circle with a round piece cut out where it joins the waist. I will send it to you when Emma goes to the Point in the Spring. they are very dressy. I have just made Emma a water proof cut so did not have her skirt a full circle though. they hang nicely.

I had a letter from Cornelia not long ago, she had been to visit Cesar's ((?)) family, but did not write a word about them though C. is not at all well this winter E. is cracking some hazlenuts and I must stop and do my share of eating so good night write soon

J.E.M. ((don't know who this is))

#93

Leslie Feb 13th 1868
Mr H Boothby

Dear Sir

I left Berg Hill Monday 10th and arived hear to your fathers yesterday and they are all well Fitzgerald's folks went were all well when I left they I would like to come and see you but dont know as I shall hav money a nough to get away with How you oney thing to do about your establishment for me if so Will you be So kind as to write and let me know of and I wold like to com and work for you a long time direct to this place to the care of your father yours truly

((looks like the writing of an old man)) T H Temple

#94

((no heading at all)) ((1868 , March 16 ?))

Dear daughter I take a few moments to write you to let you know how we are getting along we are all well and doing well Iola has got a fine boy it was born the fourth of March and is two weeks old today he weighs

8 pounds she was quite hard sick and at a time when the weather was very rough but she has got along very well and the boy is good natured and good looking with considerable of a Birch look which you dont know much about but Than can tell about that we think he wont have a bald ((part of page missing))

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going to work for H Wight again in the same mill I like to have him near home Vink come home last month and staid a week he likes his business well Tom got home today he had been away four weeks selling patgent rights says he had good success Druke stays in the drug store he is the right hand man for A L Birch I dont think Will and Lola will go to Adamsville to live they dont know where they are going yet well about my coming out to Illinois this spring is not settled upon yet but I shall come soon as I can leave all right I have got rags to prepare for a capet this spring and a good deal ought to be done they tell me ((missing))

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time before he died Mr Marvin Barber is dead I shall have to close for want of time write soon love to all

from your mother Hannah Root

Lola says she will write before long

#95

((no heading)) ((1868 7)) June 7

Well Tine I suppose you wonder where I am but home is where I am always like to be my health has been very poor this spring; and now I hope to feel better if we can have warm weather it has been cold and wet for a long time but for all that there is a prospect of fruit in abundance of all kinds the worms are eating up our currant bushes they stand full of currants but we cant use them I got your letter I cant come out there till fall Wallace is coming home to do the haying as he is going to work the place and let Mr Green go away after he gets his crops saved and a good riduance it will be I heard Edward Akins and his wife was coming out next fall I can go with them if not before I cant think of starting alone. I cant write any more now O yes I was telling Than when he was here about getting some gravestones they have arrived at 50 dollars apiece we feel well satisfied with them when divided into eight parts it makes twelve dollars and a half for each one to pay Tom and Wak and Reub paid in and the rest is to be paid the 22nd of next October I suppose Rube is owing Than he says he will pay your part if you are a mind to make the turn well when I get things fixed to come I will let you know I spose Lola has told all the news and all about the baby tell Nell and Benny grandma is coming to see them Simon and Lucy Strickland are in town on a visit with three children well I must stop I want you to write soon

from your mother Hannah Root

tell Than to take good care of that new engine

#96

Andover June 7th ((no year, but 1868))

Dear Sister

I am sorry to have kept you waiting so long for a letter but I havent seen any time when I felt like writing. I am not feeling well at all & I find it is about all I can do to take care of my baby even though he is

good besides helping to do the work Mrs health is not good this Spring. about her going west I will let her write that for herself I want to have her go for I think twill do her good we havent cleaned house yet but think of doing something at it this week I have painted and papered the middle room Mr Green is going away this fall & Walk is going to work the farm but is working for Mr Wight this summer Pruke is clerking for J.S. & N.N.Morley we havent heard directly from Vink in a long time only in a round about way that he was working in a tin shop in Warren O. We think of going to housekeeping this spring but whereI dont know Will has left Adamsville, he gets the western fever once in awhile but hasant made up his mind yet where he will go. Our boy was three months old last Thursday & weighs 15 lbs did your boy beat that ? it rather goes ahead of any the babies about here. O he is smart I tell you laughs & talks considerable can sit up straight as a cob with a very little help has got so big he cant lay in the rocking chair without being tied in I left him a few minuts today without and he kicked himself out on to the floor but it didont happen to hurt him any didont even cry about it ours isnot the only boy in town Toms folks have got one between 4 and 5 weeks younger than mine & Cor Roots folks have one about two weeks old. We got a letter from Vink since I commenced this he is in Cuyahoga Falls ((?)) painting gets 2$ a day.

Fruit trees have blown very full this year and there has been no frost yet to do any damage but worms are destroying a great many things they have spoiled all of our currants we cant use them at all

Ken Morley has bought the farm where Mr Peabody used to live Jim Morley has built a milk factory & has it in operation this summer & there are several dwelling houses going up this summer but the best thing of all is that they are going to build a new school house Old Mrs Waters died a few weeks ago of dropsy that is all the deaths there has been of late. I dont see as I can write any more this time Write very soon please & tell me all about the children & the news generally

Good Night

Sister Loke

Be sure to write very soon Love to Than Will sends his best respects to you both

#97

Andover June 23rd /68

Mr N Boothby

Dear Sir

I received your welcome letter in good time was glad to hear that you are getting along so well and I take it for granted that you are all well as you say nothing to the contrary as for me I am pretty well set back on account of Patent Right and sickness made a good living in the Hotel but nothing more I only had it to the first of April but Than dont be scare about my Note I will pay it soon as possible no man will lose an honest debt by me I have been a good subject to take the benefit of the Bankrupt act but I neever will be guilty of a thing like that I have contracted for a half intgest in the Sash Factory at Jefferson if I can make the meise of $500.00 by the first August have got a good thing and by sticking to business will come out all right in a year or so will have to borrow it but it is hard to find here could you help me to it and I will give you a mortgage on my share of the estate which is worth now $1000.00 if I miss of this will have to go to work for wages and there is a poor show here except I could make something out of my Patent in ordinary times but it is a poor time now and I havent the means to put it through especially and run the risk of expenses

are high sold my Horse and Buggy for paper against a good man that is he was at the time I traided the note was given for $520.00 due next Jan 4th but he lost in a large speculation and has since got his property out of his hands so expect I will logse that that is one thing that makes me hard up at present let me hear from you soon doe something if you can and I will make you safe. Times share on the Teagues Stones is $13.75 I have made it all right please indorse it oblige yours truly respects to all dont forget to write soon as you get this

N.L.Root

#98

1869 see 708

Cedar Falls Aug 1868 ((?)) 1888—?

Dear Sister

Seeing I have located here forg a shorte time will write you a few lines to let you know of my whare aboutes and what I am doing. I reached Iqipendance monday night at three oclock in the morning stage there untill three in the after noon finding no job to suto me came here find it pretty dull here as well as in Warren although I founds a job for a shorte time an getting three dollars pr. day and borde which is pretty good pay for these times founde Uncles Folkes as well as I expected to from what Father said havent seen Sarney yet as He has been working oute in harvest and hasnt been home since I came here. Aunt Mary hasent lost Her speach yet but think it would be a blessing to Uncle if She would but suppose He has got use to it by this tim but think He mist of had as much peace as Jobe did to stande it this long. I am going up to Farmers Bergh in a few day to seeif I cant get som painting on my own hook it is a smallish Place but they claime is is building up pretty fast I saw a Painter from there the other day and He said there was lots of work there this fall it is only boute twenty miles west of here. As the weather is fine the Farmers are getting most through harveg I think times will be better pretty soon their Crops are pretty good here except Corn. that donte amount to much it isant near as good as it is in Illinois it has been to wet for it the rest of the news will cum oute in the papers. My best respects to all write soon (Levi Levinski Root) to be Continued

#99

United States Marshal's Office
Northern District of Illinois
Chicago , Jany 11th 1869

Mr N. Beothby
Warren

Dear Sir

Will you please get Draft on Chicago to the amount of $3,500 drawn payable to J R Jones Esq and forward to him by mail - Direct to Mr. J.R.Jones U.S. Marshall Chicago Ills. & have him acknowledge receipt to you. I may not have that amt in Bank If not tell Mr Rogers to advance the balance it there should be any deficit. I think however that amt is there. Write me at Springfield immediately on receipt of this letter, & tell me about sending the Drafts. Let me know also how collections are coming in. I go to Springfield tonight.

Yours

J.D.Platt

#100

United States Internal Revenue,
Assessor's Office, 3d District, Illinois

Galena, Jany 15th 1869

Dear Sir,

In a recent letter to Collector Miner you inform him that you knew of a "planing mill from which no taxes are ever collected". You would confer a great favor if you would be so kind as to inform me whose mill it is and where located. Your name would not be known in the matter. Justice to the tax payer requires that every one should bear his or their share of the burden and pay all the taxes which may be justly due from them.

I am Respectfully

J.C.Smith
U.S.Assessor

N Boothby Esq
Warren, Illinois

#101

Andover Nov. ((no date - 1869))

Dear Mother

I had been wondering for some time why Ma dident write so of course was very much pleased to receive your letter. I certainly expected to hear oftener from either you or Tine. I have been sick some of the time this winter the rest of the time I have been just as busy as I could be have done about eight dollars worth of stitching I cant get rid of stitching no way in the world when I have the machine Freddie has been the nearest sick for two or three days past that he has been in all winter I dont think it is any thing but a cold. he commenced walking when he was eight months and a half old, he begins to try to talk none- can comb his own hair hasent got much to comb yet though but he goes through the motions. trys to whistle and lots of other smart things he can do. Johnson hasent been to work this winter so we havent had his picture taken yet. Will has stayed in the store so close that he hasent felt very well this winter

There hasent been very much sickness here but I have heard of a great many cases of fever in other places around Sarah Jane Parker has been very sick with tyfus fever she is some better. you remember that Stinson girl that worked for Sweet dont you ? she died with the same a short time ago One of Mr Clarks little boys the one that has been sick so much fell into a kettle of hot lye he died the next day.

Had you heard that Doc Gibbs & Ann Goodman was married they are housekeeping & it seems to me Doc is a little more tidy in his dress than he used to be.

When are you coming home Ma. we find ourselves wishing pretty often that you were here. Vink spoke of your going up to Uncle Milters in the spring. how is it? I would like very much to know your plans. I have had two new dresses this winter a calico & a delaine & a water proof cloak. it is made long sack belts down, has a hood & a cape it awful nice do they make them there? What have Tine & you had now? Christmas I got a pair of nice white tacks & a fancy hat ((can this be book?)) Will got a pair of slippers and smoke tie & Freddie a white apron.

I get homesick & have to go down to Carries every little while she is a good housekeeper every thing looks as neat as can be. now do write often. I shall expect that letter from Tine pick & away. I would give any thing to see the children mint Tine coming home with you ? that would be so nice. Freddie blotted my letter all up. I was holding him & writing I would write it over if I had time I was glad to hear Vink had got into business there. I know he will like living there Good bye love to all Freddie sends a kiss to cousin Nell & Ben write soon without fail to your daughter

Lola

The red flannel is like Freddies dresses

#102

Madison March 14 69

Dear Cousin

I should like very much to open correspondence with you again if you have no objections. it has been a long time since I have heard anything from you or about you. therefore I bethought myself to write to you & see what would come of it. as for myself I have had a hard cold for about a month past and dont feel so well as I do sometimes when colds are not in circulation. there are a great many sick about here now with colds, lung fevers & congestion besides there are a great many new babys and unusual number this winter which taken together causes considerable sickness

Albert has been quite sick but is getting better he had a hard cold that settled all over him & he was pretty bad off for a week I suppose you would like to know how many babys I have got well only 3 & no prospect of any more at present. the youngest is 3 years old last November. I dont believe in hurrying up matters in that line. I want time to get a good long breath between times. the place is growing slowly there is a new brick school house on the hill where Harry Wood used to live also a new town house & a new brick block where the fire was a few years ago: besides there are dwelling houses springing up here & there. it is hard to find a place to rent that is vacant there is considerable property changing hands here this spring some are going south some west. one family is coming back here to live & that is Mr Shearer he has been to Missouri the past year but is coming back this spring. Mont says he is going west if he can sell his place. he has got the western fever quite bad. we have built on to our house since you was here 12 x 22 a kitchen, bedroom, pantry, wood shed, clothes press, cupboard which makes me plenty of room. we have taken in the porch on the wing & it makes the parlor good size & double doors between the sitting room & parlor & a porch across the North side of the house. Mr Roe has been building a large upright to his house on the side next to the factory & he is going to move the old part away if he can get any one to buy it. Father Preston & folks are well. Roger is studying to be a doctor he commenced over a year ago & has been to Cleveland this winter attending lectures but is at home now. Jane is living in Lansing Mich. but that is not near you I suppose and Tilla is east living with her Uncle. I hear from her ocasionaly she is well but is not married yet. she is not to be caught with chaff. Wayland has just gone up to Lansing about two weeks ago. he is going to school there. I see that my sheet is almost filled & I must close soon now I hope you will answer this soon & write all the nonsense & other sense that you can think of. I suppose that pretty baby that you had with you has grown to be quite a big girl. send her picture if you have one to spare & also one of your own. my love to you & the children & best wishes to them. write soon & excuse poor

writing for this time.

Mrs. F.M.Preston
Madison Lake Co. Ohio

#103

Union March 28 /69

Dear Mother

I received your welcome letter some time ago but being in A Lumber Camp at the time which was About 18 miles from the office. had no pen ink or paper with me have faled to answer untill now returned home yesterday and today will make up lost time as it is better late than ever understood that you and time are going out to uncles Levies and Jeels and you and Vink are going out to Uncle Wildons am glad to hear sutch news wish you cold come out hear think you would like it hear tell Vink that he must write think he oes me A letter Marthey has gone back to Ohio and tom is going in A few days we air going to have A Railroad hear have hade A very warm winter hear cant think of anything else

Write soon love to all

Yours truly

(Signature)

W.T.Root

and on same stationery is the following:

Dear Mother Yours to Martha is al hand She started for Ohio the next morning after receiving it (last Wednesday) as I could not posibley have yet we thought it better for Her to go before the roads get as bad. She is agoing to take Andover by suppriso. we have had a verry mild winter with no mud to speak of & but little snow. it has been like Spring for a few days & today we are having a thunder storm. I wish you mint give us a call on your wounds . this spring though I suppose it will be hardly possible this spring but when you we get our Railroad it will not be mutch trouble to find us. I suppose we are agoing to have one shure it starts from Lansing by the way of St Jons & will turnamate here at present it will run in sight of our place but not across it. they say it is to be finished next fall. no Brother I dont intend to work myself to death the first year though I have been rather baisy this winter have got my summers wood shuped my lumber sawed for a house & Barn & the most of it home & have got in ash timber enough to pay for my Pine timber & saw bill. my ash is worth $8 a thousand delivered at the River about 1/2 mile we are agoing to try making a little shuger shall tap tomorrow if the weather will admit. I could tap 2 or 3 thousand trees if I had buckets. I tell you Mother it begins to seem considrable like home here Martha has got Her little derry started of six hens & a pr of Ducks so we dont get lonesome for the gua guaings. I dont know that it will be necessary for you to be at Andover though I should like to see you Berry mutch with I Here you will have a pleasant time on your visit with my best regards to all I remain your affectionate son

T J Root

Tell Tine & Than we wold like to hear from them & you must write often. tell Vink I have not forgotton his letter yet though I have not answerd

#104

Jefferson April 5th 1869

Dear Mother

I received your welcome letter in due time we were glad to hear that

you were well and enjoying yourself so well began to think we was not going to hear from you again we think your head is about bewol in making the rounds while in that country and finely in coming home before going to answer you could not wait us letter and Nettie is clear beside herself to think she is going to see Grandma so soon dont think there has been hardly a day but she as wonderd why Grama dont come

well we are getting along as well as could be expected have all we can do ourselves in the Shop and a tip top Prospect for this Summer tell Man that we git $3.65 for 1 & 3/8 Pine Doors 2 x 8 1x 6 x 8 other sizes in Proportion odd sizes .50 cts extra 8 by 10 Sash 7 cts 9 x 16 -18 cts Blinds with white wood slatts 55 cts pr foot our Pine has cost us less than $10.00 pr M clear and white wood less than 20.00 per M think we get little better prices than he does for freight ((maybe this is supposed to be dressing)) flooring $6.00. Pard wood $10.00 surfacing $8.00 there is prospects of our R R being built this season there is a great deal of Building going on here the coming season hope you may continue to have a good time and a safe journey home tell Vink I answered his last and had wondered why I did not get an answer Nettie says tell Grama to hurry to-ownehome there is two Weeks from Ashtabula each day so you will be all right when there let us know when to expect you so we can have a fresh supply of Provisions on hand for expect you have lived on the top shelf this winter we live rather plain but we are all enjoying ourselves tip top we all join in sending our love to you and the rest of the Warren Friends tell them all to write yours Respectfully

F.L.Root

Nettie sends Kisses to Grandma and her cousins

#105

Cedar falls April 19 1869

Dear Children all

Well I am here and I am well and enjoying my visit first rate found all the friends well they had just been moving a little ways but are quite well settled now I had a pleasant time coming here no trouble short changing cars at Dubuque in fact was glad to change and get out of that crowded dirty place and get into aclean car and plenty of room the rest of the way I got to Cedar falls at five in the afternoon found Uncle Levi at the depo and I knew him at first sight but he said he shouldent have known me if he had met me any where else and not been thinking about me well I cant write any more now I shall come home to Warren a week from next thursday two weeks from the day I left all send their love with my own this from mother and grandma how are you all and the children what do they say about grandma I would like to get a letter from you good by

Hanna Root

#106

Cedar Falls May 3rd 1869

Mr Boothby Sir

Pleas send me your holesale price list of Doors sash and Blinds I would like to no what I can get them for for I may want to furnish for a couple of churches and a dwelling I want to no so as to make my calculations

I suppose your mother in law got safe to your place she left here Thursday last we would like to have a visit with you and Chestinah if you ever come here pleas call and see us

We arouall well love to all

Yours truly

Levi Parker

#107

Cynthana ky July 13 /69

Friend Omer

You may think it Strange that I did not write to you before this but you must over look my neglogence I have been working in Cincinnati ever since the first of March and had a good time on the 4th of July and then I thought I would go out in the Country for few months.

I am in dixey about 60 miles from Cincinnati it is a gay town about the same size as Warren I am geating $5.50 a day and Board shoving the Jack plain

I would like to see som of my old friends in Warn once more I think perhaps I will com and see you som time before I die

give my love to all the boys in the Shoop and to Miss Smith and all of my old Friends and tell them that I am well

write as soon as you geet this

Yours Wm Morrison

Direction
Wm Morrison
Cynthana ky

#108

Pakkersburg Aug 1869

Dear Sister

I received Your welcomt letter sum time ago was glad to hear of the good health of the Folkes in general I am feeling firstrate think I will have all the work that I can do from now on till cold weather at least all I will want to do like it here very well as am getting sum acquainted had a dance here last thursday evening had a tip top time. I had a Letter from Mother last weeke She write that Her Helth is improving since she has got back Cheen Stillman is still anxious to buy the lower lot Mother wanted to know what We though aboute it I talked with You aboute it She thinks He will give it I think the same as when I talked with You aboute it She thinks He will give thirty dollars pr Acre for it that is a good price. if I had the handeling of it would let Him have it in less than a second I wrote to Walk and Tom aboute it but havent received any answer as yet Well Sis dante know of much more to rite this time anley it rains nearley every day sum of the Wheate is grown pretty bad now it makes sum of the Farmers feele pretty crose but reckon they will hafto grin & bairit. tell Than I received then price lists one of them to each Barber dealer I are think one of them will give Him an order after a whill but the other wone thinks

((remainder of letter gone -it was from Vink))

#106

Hamlin Silsby to N. L. Hoot, 19 '63

Mr N.Loothby Dear Sir,

Last Sunday about this time, (4 Oclock) Doct.Silsby came to our house from Pinckney bringing the Startling and unexpected intelligence that Hamlin Glenn died that morning at 4 Oclock. His sickness was caused by taking a violent cold which first settled in the kidneys and the typhoid fever set in.

Silsby by the consent of Dr C. had Doct Huntington of Howell to council with him who staid with him all friday night Saturday Hamlin said he was fifty percent better Saturday Dr Silsby was there and staid all night returning late. at three 6clock he was called up by the watchers. Silsby, perceiving he was going could do no more. Hamlin wished to see the boys who were called and his father but the good old gentleman did not get there till his only and beloved son had breathed his last Hamlin was forty four years old the 12th of May last No man in that vicinity was more respected and beloved than was B.H. Glenn And no man in the vicinity of N. Lake lives, whose death would be so universally deplored.

The funeral was appointed to be at 2 Oclock Monday Your father and I arranged for a start then night with James who was going to return that night.

At 6 Oclock we were ready to start with buggy and one of George's team horses. We went to the on to Willard Crowell's (five miles) and after leaving our horse and taking one of his we started again at 6 O'clock for Pinckney 25 miles. And arrived at James' at 1/2 past 2 on Monday morning and put up, not for the night, but for the morning. We arose again at 7 and after breakfast at 10 Oclock started for the house of the afflicted at Hamburg and arrived at Philip's at 12 noon But it nearly three before procession was formed to take its slow march to the church where the funeral services were held and an able discourse preached by Rev.Mr Way of the M Episcopal church from Dexter village.

We left there for home Wednesday at 1-30 P.M. arriving at Crowell's at dusk in the evening and staid over night Thursday morning at 9 arrived home and there found your welcome letter with the beautiful Picture of little Louie. Hosh and Harriet were out to the funeral and staid over night till after noon Tuesday Adella Glenn is quite out of health having taken cold last winter attending singing schools.

No 2

Thursday Sept 23rd
We have been very busy since writing the whole sheet and I have just been writing to Elizabeth and am some tired. I will tell you more about the family and connections when I write again.

Doctor Silsby and Mary came here last night and today they and George went to Jackson to attend State Fair One Day - They took the cars at Leslie -
Write soon and excuse me for what I dont write and also for the manner of what I have written

Nathaniel S.Loothby

#110

Office of Union Force Company,
Palmyrville, Lake co., Ohio
Sept 10th 1863

My Feathly Nag
brother

I have finly got round home all safe and sound, went as far West as Des Moine Iowa; sold some fence in each place where I stoped but when I got home found the old factory in ashes; every thing in the shops and Frankie burned large share of the patterns are spoiled. the Fence that was in the yard and in the Sheds was saved; so there is something of a Stock of fence on hand; but I had to put some of my western orders over untill spring; the Force he was recognized yesterday it has gone into the hands of

((rest is gone, and I don't know who wrote it))

#111

1845

Andover Oct 12th ((no date given, but was 1869))

Dear Sister Tine

I should have answered your letter before but I couldnt bear to write until I could tell Ma that we had got our stove moved they finally fixed the chimney so we moved the stove this morning so its as warm & cosey here tonight as you please. Will has gone with the wide awakes to West Springfield he doesnt belong but Sprague was sick tonight so Will went in his place. I expected to be alone until quite late but Walk ---((part torn off)) --feel better. ---------- be a little surprised when ------ the new arrangement Walk is going to Michigan with Tom's folks. he starts a week from today with the team. Tom & family start two weeks from today. Walk says he will write before he goes and tell her how he is going to leave things with Moffet - they are going to move up the first of this week. It will be a lonesome old winter for me I'M thinking. I am glad Carrie is coming if I can go down home once in awhile & find someone living there it wont seem quite so bad. We havent heard from Vink since Ma went away. Will & I went out to his Mothers --- ((part torn off)) --- started found the folks all well had a good visit. was gone a week. Grandma thought Fred was about on the plan. we expect them to be here next Saturday.

Freddie hasent been very well lately he has had a hard cold & he has got one tooth that probably has something to do with it. he pulled himself up the day Ma started for the first time. I will send you a piece of his cloak & dress. Grandma Birch gave him the dress the skirt is tucked & the waist trimed with buttons the cloak is made with a hood & lined throughout with white flannel. it is after eleven & I am so sleepy I cant possibly write any more. want to get a letter from Ma awful bad I want her to tell me all about her health & how she likes living out west. the journey wasent so terrible bad after all was it Ma ? Mother Birch gave me a woolen blanket a pillow, some hops some yarn for a pair of stockens (there now, I am so sleepy I havent spelled stockings right - but no matter, I guess you will know what it is) and some for Freddie & she is going to make me a comfortable filled with wool.

Heigho ho, I'm very tired and sleepy. Good Night. Good Night. Write very soon & make Ma write right straight love to Than & Miss Bell & Ben for

Aunt Lelo

#112

Parkersburg Oct 25th 1869

Dear Sister

Seeing the Folkes hav gon to Chirch I will try and answer Your welcome

letter which I received not long ago tell I am still in Tuscaloosa and enjoying my self very well enjoy it so much while I am here on the old place but when it will be manner in a few days although he had a young man stay today because than he gave him a description of the city of Tuscaloosa there is some trouble with the school They build it they didnot put any well enough under it so think it will freeze a little this winter. I have all the work that I can do this winter if it was so I could take it inside but moving it out be fun think I will work until it freezes up and then go back to Warren and see what the fellows have been doing since I left there if they haven't put up the Buildings to note we will take them down for them. was down to Uncel Davie's a few days ago Uncel's health is no very good. and Sam has left here once more To stay for good this time the trouble was with the old lady which started from little of nothing or than thats she thinks They would all starve to death if it warent for Him. I had a letter from Bruce a few days ago I had learn to think They were all dead from that way on I heard little from home but whose since Father went back Nettie is going to School quite well says he is having a gay time. He wrote that Mike had bought a Horse and lot which he paid a thousand dollars for think he must be making money pretty fast if he paid down for it.which I have no doubt he didnot go Havent hard from Michigan for a heap few months. Yes I talk Booth on a letter and if they keep on writing as present as they have I will always have something coming I write to them in regard to selling that farm but guess they want lots of money or they would be more anxious to sell it.

well they say every thing is for the best so of course that must be. but I dont see it in that light exactly think I could use mine at as good an advantage now as to wait 3 years from now I believe Nettie is 13 years old now.

well dont think of any thing more to write this time with write I take my foot out of the Bible. so will close with my best respects to All

Yours Truly write soon

L.L.Post ((Vint))

#113

Kalamazoo Jan 7th 1870

Brother Nathaniel

I have been wanting to write to you some time but the more I wanted to write the more I had to do my time is fuller than ever this year. I am trying to do everything the best I can(which I ought always to do). I have only six months more to spend in school to finish the College course I enjoy study very much but shall be glad as well as sorry when I am through. I spent the most of the vacation at home quite pleasantly your child she is full of mischief but brave also she has unusually a great deal of care, more than she ought to have. We spent Hengyers day with Mary. Father and mother were there also. I often feel when I go home vacation that I may not meet them from there next time . Mr.Sibley was kind as ever he had been a faithful brother to me since I was left alone and often made me happy by his thoughtful kindness. I went up to Howell on business, found Nettie family well gave him a deed of his share which is now well worth a thousand dollars. I have so many things to say that I hardly know what to say first. I want the Photographs of your family very much much as you sent the other girls, please dont deny me I will send a poor one of mine but all I have I have none of Henry's or would exchange with it. he is learning to read write fast and is also making rapid progress in his "stud;ies" or "lessonsies" as he calls it he is decidedly a mathematician and a comfort to his mother.

Santa Claus brought me a volume of Shakespeare, a silver workbasket, an embroidered handkerchief and collar; I was in hopes the old gent could bring me a set of mink furs but he did not seem to anticipate my wants in that direction.

you did be helpe you? I dont know whether our people informed you of Mrs. Trafoots death or not I was with her six weeks last winter in her last sickness which was a pleasure for me and proved to be a real blessing comfort to her who was sick short three months and suffered intensely. Her dying message to her people which some present requested her to give was "Live for God". Mrs. Trafoot is writing "Christian Life in Earnest" as illustrated by her life who left two daughters aged 19 and 14 years.

Is your business prosperous as ever this winter?

I shall be happy to see yourself and wife here next June when I graduate may I hope for your presence? I think there will be great fun in seeing me jump off the stage I think some of going to California next year if I can secure a position to teach beforehand Brother John Tibbits is there and other of my acquaintances I must close as it is after ten and I was up at four this morning. My love to your family I wish I could have a great long talk with you Good Night.

Affectionately,

Elizabeth Tibbits
Box 202

love to Cheer I am going to write him

#114

Cedar Falls
April 10th 1870

Dear Noice

I thought I would rite a few lines and send you my picture. I have been waiting all last summer and part of the winter to get fleshy so I could have a decent picture taken I had the fever last summer and by the time I got well I was few a s poor as a crow. I did not wante send you a poor picture but it is poor enough now I am very much obliged for yours and your Children and I would like to have Mr. Smithers's if he will be so kind as to let me have it. O how I would like to step in and see your little family all, and you keeping house once more but I dont know as the time will ever be I think it would do you good to take a journey out here you and your children it has bin a long time since I heard from your Mother. I did not know but that you had forgotten me for you very seldom you rite we have not got on our farm yet for we have not got our house bilt yet but we expect to go on it in the fall I cant get your Uncle to rite for it is so long since I saw you that I can not think of any thing that would be enny news. to you. No more at present I remain

your friend as ever

from your

Aunt Mary Parker

#115

Office of Murray, Simpson & Co.,
Manufacturers and Wholesale Dealers in
Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Posts, &c.,
Second Street, Near the Lake

Dubuque, Ia. August 16 1870

Mr H Boothby & Co

Gents-

Yours rec and our Contract with our Road for the Freight on that Cargo was to be the same freight as you paid from Chicago - if they have charged you any more send us all the bill you have paid, with the amount you should pay from Chicago, and we will get the money for the over charge - our Road said at the price, yours they only met for a car $15, and a little over. Did not agree to take to Newport for $15. only agreed same as Car or pr 1000 ft as from Chicago Ills C.Road say this price is $20 pr Car from Chicago to Warren on Cars of 6000 ft or $25 pr Car on Cars of 5000 ft how is this Send us some of your Chicago Bills that we may show our Road In your 90 day note we neglected to insert, with Int. an oversight of ours we adduce that to the note here and presume it is all right as that was our understanding the 60 day note had the Int in

Yours

M. Sole

#114

Lona 26th of August 1870

H. Boothby Esq

Dear Sir

Your favour of 23d. is at hand since I last saw you in Warren you told me that you would pay me the $25 in 5 or 6 weeks being short of money & having to pay Stetinets the first of Sept I thought you would accomodate me in paying me sooner than the time you set for can certainly got it out of Curtis I was while in the Lumber business a Customer of yours whether a profitable or an unprofitable one I leave it with you to say I remember in one Instance when you wrote me you were hard up & was going to Chicago to purchase lumber I sent you some $40 or $50 were them I was at that time owing now is Monday in my need please send me the 15 in time to help me out with Stetinets I have a note against Mrs Alen of over $300 long past due which she has agreed to pay lot of dung.d cannot do it any sooner I wish will do this if you cannot get at pay of Curtis before that time I will return the money to you with interest & take the note back

Truly yours

Edwin Ripley

#117

Lumber by the Cargo

E.H.Bickford & Co.
Lumber Commission Merchants
South Water Street, Foot of Franklin
Chicago, Aug 27th 1870

Messrs H.Boothby & Co.
Warren, Ills.

Gents:

The cargo we sold you did not arrive until today, and will finish discharging at Beal.Hook on Monday. This is the first cargo to have had that would suit you, our other cargoes having been 5/4 to 7/8 long boards.

such cargoes are selling now at $11½ for short and $15½ for long, so you have made a pretty good trade out of us. When unloaded, we will send certificate and bill to you, and urge its early shipment by the R.R. folks.

The vessel we intended giving you word to Racine last trip, which accounts for delay.

#155 dated Sept. 24, 1870

Yours Respectfully

R.H. Bickford & Co.

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State of Illinois
Constitutional Convention
1869 & 1870

Springfield Oct.8 1870

W Boothby Esq
Warren

Dear Sir

Your letter informing me of shipment of goods recd. Mr. Sanchrant writes that business is looking up in Chicago & that we shall have to start up soon. I wrote him this A.M. that we would start as soon as money was provided for expenses.

I have ordered from New York several Electrotype cuts for our circulars. We are getting on slow here but will start up next week for business.

Yours &c

J D Platt

#119

Conneaut Jan 1st 1871

Dear Friend Chastina

I begin by wis_ you a happy New year I received both your letters was very glad to know how the long delay happened you may think I am a long time answering but when I tell you you will not be supprised, we have had much sickness of late, Philo had the typhoid fever he was very sick for 6 weeks or more in the time of his sickness John was taken with the same fever he was in Newyork buying good_ when taken He took a sleeping car and come home was home sick 5 weeks I put my bed in the front room for him we went up stares with the children so that was hard for one thing, say nothing about the rest, he was so bad we sent for his wife she came after he had been home a week then it was easer for me she and I took care of him days Pete and Olmsted nights he got better and started for home the 15th of november. Eddie was taken worse the day they started and has not been well since, we called a Dr he says he cannot do much for him only to make him as comfortable as we can. I think he is now better than he was 3 weeks ago do not know how long it will last. Peter ((this may be Jeter or Ioter)) is quite well, Pitcher wife is not much better than she was when you were here if she gets better they intend goin _ west next summer if so they intend visiting you to_ Hima ((?)) broke his arm the other day so you see we all have our trubble.

the children talk about Bel and Dan a great deal they would if they have taken any now _ walks to see the town, in the dark I must tell you what we done

Christmas we had a tree in the parlor for the Children they could not go down town so we tried to make it as pleasant as we could at home they had quite a number of toys so the tree looked very handsom_ I had 2 dresses we all had a silver napkin ring, Olmsted has sent for me a dress the name of the goods is sattoon black and very handsome I will send you a piece of it the next time I write you said you was having your cloak made over I think it will be very pretty my hat is black velvet soft crown 2 ostrage tips one large one the other small and a ball of velvet with lace on I like it very much I shall have 3 dresses to make when the other one comes a calico a double dress and sattoon that is a new stile of goods diferent from any thing I have seen 2 ladys have them hear Pete sent for hosth to New York we are expecting Philos folks hear tomorrow for their Xmyear Olmsted has gone to Monroe today it is very nice sleighin_ has been very cold but was not today Lota says she would like to have Bell come and see her she has a doll as tall as a baby agyear old it will open and shut its eyes she thinks they could have a good time with the doll Eddie says tell Ben he has a rooster that would wake him in the morning. Oh we went to Cleveland Ohio Fair one day saw the most beautiful things I ever saw in my life I can not tell on paper but wait hoping to see you some time and tell you Olmsted has come and his Mother with him he sends much love to you all, we all send a great deal of love to you all write soon if you cannot read this send it back from your sincere friend

Delia

#120

Redwing July 23rd 1871

Dear Sister

It has been sometime since I received a letter from You and have cum to the conclusion I had better answer the one You wrote me last Winter if I wish to receive any more. the Minnesota air seems to agree with as my helth has been very good since I came here. although cant say as I fancy living in this country and shall vamboose this fall I have a good job here untill cold weather and think of staying till about that time and as I go down River will give You a call. I had a Letter from Drake a shorte time ago. the Folkes were all well in Andover when he wrote. I also had a Letter from Pebe last week it seems He has cum back to Illinois to live and bret good luck with Him. hope He wont get disapointed this time I happened strike a nice Place to work this summer Redwing has a bout four thousand Inhabitanes is situated wright on the River have been here four months an getting 2.50 pr day which is pretty good wages for this country there has been a time when Painters got three and a half here but the big emigration of Swoods and Norwegens have spoiled all such fun as that. there is a & great many of them mechanics at least make pretense at it I have derived at the conclusion that this tramping around so much donte pay cant say as I have realised any very heavy profits from it and that seem to be the case with the rest of them that folow it up closely. so I am going to finde cum good location this fall and tend to my business as I ought a while and see how it will seem. The Crops in this part are not very promising this season especily Wheat it has been very dry the most of the summer cum are turning the Wheat under as it isant worth harvesting Winter Grain is splendid Well it is supper time and as I think a powerful site of my hash will close with my best regards to all

Yours truly

write soon

L.L.Root ((Vink))

#121

Andover Feb 25 1871

dear daughter I know I have been too remiss in writing to you and Ive no particular excuse either only it is a task to write a letter I know you want to hear from home often I believe Wek wrote not long ago to you we are all well May 1 Time you will see by the date when this letter was begun it is time that it was finished my health has been poor this spring I took a hard cold and had a bad cough for a few weeks got a little better and took another cold and cough followed and took away my strength and flesh considerably but kept about Lola come down and staid awhile in the winter they painted and papered my bedroom put down the carpet in the middle room done up the washing so we get along quite well Alf helped quilt one Bedquilt Wallace did not feel very well he had a hard cold most all winter and this spring had a shake or two of ague but is feeling well now Lola was taken sick five weeks ago with sinking turns got very low and nervous and about a week ago I had her brought down home as it was so unpleasant where she was it done her good to change she begins to sit up a little Dr Lawyer tends her he says she will get up again but it will take some time first she has a good hired girl she does the work mostly and I wait on Lola and Will is a very good nurse so it aint hard for me there has been a good deal of sickness this spring of lung complaint Old Mrs Norton is dead she was not sick but a week they didont think her dangerous till the night before her death and Old mr Cadwell is dead and likewise Uncle Darius Birchard died on the 28 of March I had a letter from Lola Tannous stating the particulars of his sickness his disease was pneumonia and lung fever Mrs Lmosé is staying at By Morleys this winter and spring she got news of Paul Hydes death short time ago I dont know what Mrs Hyde will do now Paul is gone and Mrs Tagwart is dead(it is about time to stop writing about dead folks for it is sad to think that so many are passing away) and talk about the living we have got Sweeneys for neighbors now day while Mrs Knapwas gone to Cleavland this spring their tanery burnt down and all there was in it so she will have to make money all the faster in her shop well we have had to get along as we could this winter but this spring is favorable it has been good time for ploughing Wek has got in some oats I dont know how many acres he has planted potatoes and got a gardend partly made we have a good cow I am making all the butter we want have a dozen hens and have one brood of chickens the old hen stays under the barn yet so we cant count them fruit trees in full blossom and there is prospect for fruit I dont know where Vink is if you know I wish you would write me for we want to hear from him there has been some letters sent but no answer tell Bell I come across her sewing pretty often about the house and she must learn to write and write me a letter and Ben I suppose is wearing coat pants and boots by this time and looks gentleman. I used to fancy the wheel was humming over my head early every morning after Ben left here Drake is going to stay at Morleys this summer Hon Morleys oldest girl is going to teach school she eg a got a certificate for a year Mrs Bill Root is sick she has a cancer on her breast it it is not broke out yet and she talks of having it taken out it will have to be done soon before to late I wish you would write soon and excuse me for not writing oftener love to all from your mother

Hannah Root

#122

Andover August 9,1871

Dear daughter I received your letter with joy I never was more glad to get a letter from you and I picked up pen ink and paper right then so as to answer it without delay but so much work ssI have to do every day my health is quite good though I cant work near all the time there is no girls about here to work out and after all it is so quiet but I do got a little lonesome since Lola went away Will is running the hotel at Meyville station they carried her over when she cowdont walk a step it is about six months since she was taken sick. I thought for some time that she had symptoms of consumption with the hodick fever or something like it every day and chills the doctors said that was catarrh and her weakness was caused by inaction of the liver and kidneys and some stoppage of the air cells about the heart Dr Hutchinson of Greenville attends her now and says he can cure her she is gaining in flesh and can walk with a little help across the room

her mother Birch stays with them and is a very smart old lady they have two good hired girls and a good custom well our railroad is going to be done this season the hands are to work at it in severl places and it looks encouraging there is a telegraph office at the center of Andover and Cooley Billins is operator, Frucing has left Morleys for the present, and he is going next Monday to Madison to school Wallace gets along with his work pretty well he got his haying done three weeks ago Sweezy and him are changing work about their haying and harvesting we are going to have apples enough for our own use blackberries are plenty but I cant get any only to buy them and I cant afford it much for we have more to buy this year than we can pay for it is so good to be established at home once more I am content without all the extras going for we have first rate potatoes sweet corn and all other kinds of garden sauce and chickens when they get big enough I have to feed them all the time to keep away from the house there is no grasshoppers this year and no potato bugs about here. Wak has six acres of oats he cut them yesterday and three or four acres of corn half an acre of potatoes and all uncommon good he said he dident want to raise only what he could without hiring people are generaly well about here I believe for I dont go any where hardly but I intend to ride around some this fall Drake has got a first rate nice buggy he leaves here for us to use and old doll is fat and lame just as she was last year than h she want fat last year Wallace haint worked her much he has a good steady horse that I can drive but you are so far of I cant come and see you Mrs William Root is about the same as she was when I wrote doctors tell her to let her cancer alone and it may not ever get any worse for she aint strong enough to bear an operation I have not seen her since I got that paper from you expect her this week Mr Clifford of West Andover was killed by lightning on last monday coming from Ashtabula with a load of grain going down a hill as his foot was on the brake his horses went on a piece and turned up to a house and stopped the woman thought it was a drunken man he sat riding over the horses got uneasy and she went out and took them by the bits and called some non little way off and found he was dead.

My sheet is full I will have to close I had a letter from Vink he is in Delaving Minnesota a painting Doll must learn to write for grandma would like to get a letter from her Ben must look very man like with coat and pants and dog I must have pictrse when you get in your new house I am a going to come and see you and your new carpets tell Than I am going to see the planning mill and Than and you and the children will come sometime to see it it will be so handy to the depo love to all,

Hannah Root

#123

Desmoins Feb 5th ((no year given))

Dear Bell and Bennie

I thought I wold writ a few lines hoping to find you all Well as this leaves me at Presant I often think of you Both and the times We wold have Playing and Big Black Rouse ((the dog)) how is Ben girl I suppose he go over to see her how he wold want me to Play with him and I want to know if he sucks ((sulks ?)) at the table yet Ma siad that he is A Big Boy how is Dora turley legs getting A long you know She Wore red Stocking can you Play Any thing yet I guss Ben Puts on Style going to singing School Jennie has got A nether Boy I think she will Pass Willie dont talk yet But he is very smart Boy he dont like vesse for When she go down there she make him mind her and Jennie dont Ma sends her love to and Jon Well I dont think of Any more to writ this time there is A little girl here and she wants to Be down with me all the time her Name is Nellie I take care of her When they go out I want Ben to writ A few lines I dont think he cares about me now I will close for this time With love to your mama and Papa tell Louse I hope he wont stay out Night like he did When I was there Wak think there is No Place like Warren it is too Bad for her I get A letter From there very Often From Jim Sulan the Wether is very cold here Well Bell I must close Writ me A long letter From your Friend

Desmoines Iowa Maggie Holihan

#124

Sterling Feb 21 ((no year))

Dear Bell and Ben

I received your letter and was glad to heare From you and Ben I was sorry to hear his Dakk was so Weak as it was When we was Picking Plums I should like to Be there when the quilting Party comes off I suppose all the Old Women in town will Be there Ben will Put on Style then I wold like to see you and Ben I often think of Ben when he wold want me to Play with him how is the coller Gentleman you did not speak of him I did not get any Valentine I sent one to you and one to Ben I Was going to send some comic and I was in A hurry for it was getting Late I got A Pair of kid gloves From Mr Wallace and A white Apron and rose coller neck tie From Mrs Wallace Dose Josie think as much of B as she did Dose Polly talk now Jim Was Down to stay over Sunday and he siad he wish we lived in Warren he wold Rather live there than here they have A sweet littlo Baby here he is so good has Ben got Any letters in the office as he did when I was there Ben Will tend the Door Bell I suppose the quilting Afternoon I wonder if they will have snuff boxs with them I suppose there will Be gossipping going on Pera must Be a good Player Do you and Ben slide down hill this winter how is Stee Clark Did your Papa and Mama go to Doctor Beeby fiuerel I seen him when I came down from Warren to Freeport and he was as jilly as ever Ma went up she will call to see you all have you got all your dishes yet Dose B drink as much as he did out of them and eats with the coffee I and Jennie went over to Rock falls on the ice just for fun I had A sore throat and they sent for the Doctor and he gave me something that help me very soon I could not Swallow Anny thing Back I thought of you and Ben when I had it last winter how you and Ben Was Fussing over me Dose Ben suck when he eats and Put the Naplin over his face and if I wold look he wold say Now Mag you stop that I dont think of Any more to writ Jennie send her love to you and Ben how is Rouse long Black tail I get the Warren Paper every week charley phillips gives it to Mr Wallace I went down to the Plaining mill other day After some ? sticks and I thought of your Papa mill there and I did not see A good looking man there May Mosher goes by here to school she is the same old girl I think you writ very nice indeed I wold like to get A letter from the old man Ma and Mrs Wallace was down to Sandburn to A Large Party and Dance they all like to Dance here I dont think of Any thing more At Presant My love to your Papa and Mama and Dora and Ben and yourself

Writ soon From your true

Jennie send her love to Ben and you

Friend Mag

#125

Andover May 29,1872

Dear Daughter

I received a letter fom you a short time ago and was glad to hear from you it seems you are expecting that I am coming to see you once more well Vina I dont know what to tell you about it I want to go I think I could spend the summer very pleasantly with you my health was poor all the spring some of the time Wallace done the work in the house so we did without hiring I am living alone now. Wak is ever helping Will, Lola is still gaining slowly and is quite encouraged about getting well I have been out to Cambria this spring Aunt Caroline is well Edward lives with her I staid a week and went with me to Meadville Philena is well has a pretty baby girl about ten months old a nice house and nice things in it she says you must come and see her next time you come

home Aunt Carline says she cant go west till next September if nothing happens I shall try to go by the first of July and sooner if I can anyhow I will write again before that time Mr Wood Cornelia Pitchers husband has gone to Nebraska to buy a place if he likes they are going there to live may be I can get a chance to come with them they are to work on the railroad and say passanger trains are going to run by the 10 of June Drucius is at Smiths he likes living there and they say they like him I am going to Concaut soon on a visit Larinda is very sick and is not like to live but a short time I think her cancer is working in her stomach she tried the condorango root or bark thought it was some help for a while but no cure I like Mr and Mrs French very well indeed I did hate to rent the place again but Wak dident want to work on the farm this year so I consented to let it go it is easier for me and I get one hunired and sixty dollars in advance I rad to work too hard last year and got nothing but my living Mrs French has a piano and she plays very well on it Than told me you had a new years presant I was to hear it was apiano Bell wont have to make one out of the chairs any more I suppose she can play a tune for me when I come tell Ben grandma is glad to he has got a dog so to keep the bears away when she comes well here I must stop writing I am making a calico wrapper and it dont get along very fast I have had washing and bleaching to do lately to pass away the time the lonesome time is at the table to eat all alone dont taste good Nelson Shermon called thes morning to see me he was passing through said his mother would be inquiring who he see in Andover says Jane is well and well situated the rest are well. now Tine write if not but a little give my love to all friends

from your mother

Hannah Root

#136

Andover June 19,1872

Dear daughter I will write you a few lines just to let you know how we are gitting along at home my health is as usual better and worse according to the amount of work I try to do I suppose by what I wrote you, and the letter I got from you that you are expecting to see me out there soon but things always move wrong or against my calculations I have given up coming to visit you this summer I have so much to do first I cant get ready to leave in any season Lola dont gain very fast if any at all Drucius is quite out of health and has come home to stay awhile he has a hard cough a poor appetite and he looks rather sick but I think it is a cold and the catarrh and a few days rest will find him right again I think my best way is to stay at home this summer it is pleasant staying here I like the Frenchs very well meet as pleasant as twas when Moffitts lived here I haint seen one of them since they left here railroad goes along pure so passenger trains running yet but they have commenced building the depo the Colfax family are in town they are some took down on the nomination for vice president they are moving their goods to Indiania the people in Andover are all well as far as I know but Mrs William Root is not expected to live but a short time now Tine I intend to come some time prehaps next spring it aint but a little while to wait write often and come and see us any time I send my love to all

from your mother

Hannah Root

#137

Newspaper clipping - don't know what paper

From Warren.

A LOVELY TOWN & WOOD CARPETING & TEMPERANCE LECTURES.

Warren, June 19th, 1872.

Editor Review:

Warren, Jo Daviess county, is a lovely and a lively place. Shade trees and shrubbery are abundant, and Nature, in her June dress, is hereabouts very charming. The air is loaded with fragrance, and one may live fast just at this time.

Warren cannot vie with Moline in manufactures, though one article of very great beauty is made here. I refer to wood carpeting. At least 50,000 yards are made annually by Boothby & Co., who employ twenty men at the business. I believe there is a single specimen of this kind of work in Moline -- on the office floor of the Plow Works. Warren is, I believe, the only place in the West where wood carpeting is made. New York and Philadelphia have shops of the kind. A fine article is turned out here, and is shipped to Chicago, Milwaukee and Detroit, where much of it is used. Just now a car load is being sent to New York city.

Warren is a very orderly place. There is not a saloon in town. The Temperance question is exciting considerable interest just now. We had a lecture on the subject on Monday night, and one on Sunday night at Nora, four miles east. At Thomson, Carroll county, last week, I found the people getting ready to enforce the new temperance law.

Rambler

#128

Cambridgeboro, Pa. Jan. 27, 1873

Cousins Boothby

I rec'd one of your circulars the other day & it reminded me that I promised to write to you when we returned home. We had a very pleasant trip. Were at my brothers about two weeks, & at Cincinnati about a week. We were there just in time for the Exposition. Saw a great many sights there.

I am working at the harness trade this winter. Do not know what I shall go at in the spring.

We have had a great deal of snow this winter. Have had good sleighing ever since winter first set in. At one time the snow was over three feet deep & packed very solid. There was a thaw the first of the month which took it nearly all off, but still the sleighs run all the time. The streams were very high, several bridges were taken away. One at Meadville & one at Franklin which were very nice ones. I suppose the epizootic reached your place. Scarcely a horse in this part of the country escaped but very few cases proved fatal though. My horse had it quite light.

I am playing the horn with our string band now, played last Thanksgiving for the first time. We are playing for a club dance here once a week, have to play at Fairview next Wednesday Eve. twenty one miles from here. I get half price.

The friends are all well as far as we know, have not heard from Ohio for some time.

I will close for this time hoping to hear from you soon.

Mother joins in sending love & says she will never forget our visit with you. Give our love to Edmund's folks & tell them we would like to hear from them.

E. S. Blackford

#129

Espyville Jan.29,1873 ((Pa.))

Dear daughter I take a few moments to write what I ought to have done before now my health is good this winter and I am with Lola at present she has got a boy it was born the 29 of Dec She had a hard cold before she was sick and catarrh and cough which brought her very low they tried every thing at last Pisos medicine is helping her the baby weigh 7 pounds is well and very pretty Lola has no nurse for him and he dont like the bottle and we have a hard day time Willie mother is here helping so it makes it easy for me Freddie is growing fast and is a good boy I meant to have written long ago but I kept putting it off till it gets to be a dread I think I shall go home in a few days to get some rest and quiet Drusie is there boarding with Frenchs we have had cold weather since Nov and sleighing all the time and today is the coldest we have had I dont see how you live on the prairies, now Time I dont pretend to know much about what is going on so have no news to write but if I could see you I could think of a good deal to say if Than goes East this winter he must come and see us they might know him this time if he dont appear in disguise but I dont say anything about going west I hope to have a chance to stay to home long enough to settle my mind first now write as soon as you get this and I will write again soon and let you know how Lola gets along tell Nell I should like to get a letter from her and Ben I spose he can read and write some by this time send my love to them and yourself remember me to Mrs Robbins and Mrs Canfield and Dora did Estello and Anna call to see you, come home soon as you can conveniently and that is most any time. this from your mother, in love,

Hannah Root

#130

Andover O. March 3rd 1875

Dear Sister-

I write you this morning the sad news Poor Lola is Dead She Passed away Last night Twenty minuets before Eleven She was consuing and nearly sed goodby We have telegraph to Shipman the funeral will be at eleven oclock Wednesday morning at Andover this is all

Your Brother

D V Root ((Drucius))

#131

Andover June 1,1875

Dear daughter after thinking over and over again that I must write to Time I try to pen a few lines as usual my health is poor aunt Caroline was here at the time that Mr Ben Fisket was buried staid three days I was sick at the time with the colera morbus and Louisa come before she went away so I haint been alone any of the time Louisa has cleaned the house and get my new carpet down and fixed up things quite pleasant Hettie was sick with the ague but is most over it Marcia is fat an healthy and Freddie is well he is living with aunt Evelina Will is helping his brother in butchering and tending the meat market the baby is well, uncle Andrew and aunt Abigail are in Hinsman and will be here before long they have sold their farm and are looking for a place to suit them. Wallace and Drucius are well and come home quite often I have plenty of company if my rooms are small Tom Lyle and Mr and Mrs Collins arrived about two weeks ago we had an invitation to visit with them at My Morleys Louisa went but I wasnt

in visiting mood Mrs Tyde has given me a call and told her some news here Mrs Phillips is staying with her mother this summer Louisa is going to start for New York next thursday her eldest sister is sick with the consumption wants to have her come to see her she will be back in a few weeks she dont want to go home till musketoes and fleas are gone. I dont see as I can go out to see you this summer I may possibly come in the fall but have done making any calculations shoddiness is the best place for me it would be a pleasure to me if I could spend part of my time with you but the journey and change of climate rather discourage me some times but dont feel worried about me if I get much sick I will let you know come down all of you if you can we can see you then you get off the cars, and now I am getting tired and will close you must write often I would like to get a letter from Thee sometime and Nell must write I fan some of Lolar things for you will send or bring them when I have a chance. this from your mother

Hannah Frost

#132

Ukiah City 28th 1873 ((no no.or state - Cal.))

Dear Brother

Yours of the 1st inst. was duly received and very welcome It was the first letter received after my arrival in Ukiah and came before I was looking for letters,which made it more appreciable then it was real cheery and did me good. Your kind inquiries after Father and Mother I will answer first. I think I left them very comfortable for the present they will need to havesome one with them this winter to help about the chores and intend to secure some one. The products of the farm with the two cows will support them well. While fathers bounty furnishes pocket money for him I shall send mother money occasionally. If they only keep well they will get along nicely and enjoy themselves alone they can go abroad when they like with Nell.

George and Sarah want to come back onto the farm the worst kind and could they do so without moving into the house with Father and Mother I should encourage them but the children so many would be a constant annoyance to them and I shall never consent to it. The ten acres with house on north of us joining ours is to change hands this fall and I am almost tempted to try the purchase of that for a tenant house and stay here until I can pay for it ($800) and have George and family move in there It would seem pleasant to have them near to care for Father and Mother in case of emergency and I am sometimes tempted to undertake it but it seems too large a job for me and the future is uncertain.

You ask how long I intend to stay? When I left I did not dare think of being gone from Father & Mother more than a year but shall have to stay longer to make it my object. I cant tell anything about it now.

I reached Ukiah the 4th of Sept.and opened my school the 8th Yes ! I have a young lady friend here who engaged the school for me she has been in Cal. 4 years and in Ukiah 4 months she is teaching in the Public School. she used to live with Mr.Tibbits and me in Danville she is an estimable young lady - good company we room together and take comfort together board at a hotel and like it well all but the noise and publicity. Henry is doing nicely. Now as to my school I am teaching a private school have twenty five pupils - just as nice a class of pupils as a teacher could ask for their ages range from 11 to 18 mostly young ladies. They are (generally speaking) quite intelligent students inclined to cheerful obedience Our room is pleasant and well furnished - carpet floor walls papered and adorned with pictures several that the young ladies have brought in at my suggestion. I teach beside the common branches - Algebra History Physiology and Philosophy The object of the Private School is to give especially attention to the few over

and above that they will receive at the Public School. The patrons of the school for in consideration they choose three of their number for Trustees' who rent room and hire teacher for. I have no responsibility only as teacher and the number of pupils that I am to have charge of is limited to 35 as you see I have my full number. My predecessor was a gentleman of 30 years experience in teaching. You see I have something of a position to fill The best is called for all the time. I like my situation well. I have received much kindness and attention from the citizens here have received calls from several of the first families have been invited out twice and to one party last week which I attended. Ukiah city is the county seat of Mendocino Co. numbers about 2000inhabitants is situated in one of the valleys of the Coast Range with mountains scenery on either side east and West. The climate is fine very dry now - no rains since April The thermometer has arisen to 100 deg.nearly every day that I have been here in the middle of the day the nights are cool. Ukiah is 130 miles north of San Francisco.

I had a very pleasant trip no delay or accident the entire route. Started from home Wednesday evening and reached Ukiah Thursday noon. I staid in San Fran. Tuesday night. I had good company along the route enjoyed the scenery very much

Aff. E.B.Tibbits

I presume Nine has reached home again by this time if she left the children. give my love to all and write me a long letter I prize letters now. Remember me to Omar please. This letter is full of mistakes I find on reading it over I have a severe headache but thought I must write you my time is so limited for writing please pardon

#133

((No year,probably 1875 , since above letter says Nine went away without the children))

Dear belle I thought that I would write to you for the first time but I hate to because I suppose you can write ever so much better than I can I hope that you wont laugh at my whiteing for it looks as if a mouse had been to new at it I hate to send it to you because it looks so your mother said you were taking music lessons how are you a getting a long I hope nicely Emma started to give me lessons and I was getting along nicely then I had to stop because she had her limb broke such horid writeing. father was 50 the 19 sep and I was 10 the 14 sep I got a bolt for a present des dora live where she did when I was there I went to see her I thought that your new dress was very pretty and the trimming excuse bad writeing and spelling write soon

from

Eunice

good bye

#134

Britton Jan30 1874

Dear Sister

I am not writing to you because I am indebted to ((you is omitted)) for a letter for I have written you twice since I received one from you. I left Kingston Mon the monday before Thanksgiving and arrived here the tuesday following the folks were all well when I left. Mother looks younger than she did five years ago but undoubtedly the false teeth have something to do with it. I just received a letter from Nir stating that she is going to Warren as

soon as the weather gets a little warmer She thinks Lenna is going into the Consumption only hope she is labouring under a false impression.

In regard to this part of the Land I like it very much so far as I have seen. Britton is a boat two years old has about three hundred Population of which one third are old Bachelors (womens Rights are advocated very strongly.) the Country surrounding Britton is splendid nice roling Prarie with a good deep soil of which I am going to have a paice in the Spring. I have good prospects for next summers work. there are about one hundred Families coming here in the spring and the most of them are going to Build. I enclose a statement of Walks act. Paid by Drake for you to sign.

My regards to all write soon from

L.L.Root ((Vint))

Britton
Clay co.
Mich.

#135

Mount Pleasant June 6 1874

Dear daughter you will be some surprised when you find out where I am well I finaly made up my mind all at once to go on and make Thomas a visit and not have to start again after I got home so I started from Chicago last thursday night and got to Saganaw friday at twelve waited there till six and got to St Louis about sundown I had written to Tom to meet there but he did not get my letter so I staid all night and hired a man to bring me over in a buggy for the back dident go till tuesday it is twenty miles I was verry tired you may depend on a going in for a good rest Marthahas been down to Ohio after her Mother and got back two weeks ago they are all well here five children two grandmothers one hired man and the Mr and Mrs of the house Tom is getting along well the crops are looking first rate and it looks like prospering here but a very new country I would liked to have stoped at Leslie maybe I can on my way home Lena send her love to Bell and wants her to write to her Time I dont know just how long I may stay here but think about a month you must write soon this is all for this time Your Mother

Hannah Root

PS Martha wrote to me a few weeks ago and directed to Warren maybe in the post office there now as she did not write in the care of H Boothby

#155

((The date of year on this looks like 1875. Contents seem to refer to same as in #134 , hence it may be 1875))

Mount Pleasant Sept 30/75 ((or 73 ?))

Dear Sister

The enclosed agreement was sent to me by Wallis Root requesting me to send the same to you, also for you to send it to Levinski & for Him to return the same to Wallis D at Andover. We are all usualy well except Lena & Lenny have not been verry well for a few days it has been quite sickly here this fall, our harvest was good this fallthe season appeared favorable for crops of all description have had no frost yet. The Agricultural society holds their first annual fair at this place this fall so you see we are not intirley in the woods after all. would like to have you give us a call next time you are down. suppose you had a good visit at Andover.

Mine we would be very glad to hear from you I have learned some things since I last saw you & can forget the past.

we all join in sending regards to you all.

Verry Truly Yours &c

Thomas J Foot

#136

Andover June 7,1875

Dear daughter thinking you would like once more to hear from home I will write just a few lines my health has been poor for two months past but I have gained a little lately and it is all I can do to work enough to live alone Freddie had the scarlet fever and dident get over it very well kept me tired so that I have sent him to another place to board I am now trying to rest Mine you did not write anything about coming home this summer I hope you will come it would do you good I am sure it would me I have rented and have let out the garden and west lot to be planted hope to get enough to keep the wolf from the door Louisa is living in part of the house that VanCamp used to live in she has the front room and Waldon Pickot occupies the rest of the house her health is better than twas when she lived in Chicago I had allotter from Vink short time ago he is in the same place he was all last winter in Monmouth Warren county Illinois he is painting in a plough factory I dont know where Duke is and it deep no good to worry about him he can do well if he is a mind to and I think he will be all right yet well all of you come and see us and write often

from your living mother

Hannah Foot

#137

Andover Oct 10,1875

Dear daughter after waiting and watching a long time the arrival of a letter from you was a joyful occurrance you know it must be so not one of my children near me I think they ought all to write often and not wait for me to write just as many letters as they do my health is good if I dont work too hard and I am trying to get fixed to live more easy than I have done the past year Will has come and taken Freddie to Pennsylvania to his sisters I told him I could not take care of him this winter you spoke about my coming out to spend the winter with you but Mine I cant make up my mind to leave home the cost of traveling would be as much as my living would cost here and the western climate dont quite agree with me I have a good pile of seasoned wood a plenty of potatoes pumkins cabbage onions beets and eight hens and twenty four chickens corn enough to feed them Hattie Blanchard is boarding here and going to school she and Hettie are gathering hickory nuts which are plenty but chesnuts are scarce as well as apples there are some on a few trees so we have some to use so you see I want friend or starve a man and his wife by the name of Blake are living in the west room and Louisa is living in the north rooms her health is better than it was when she came down from the west Tube is in Chicago Duke is in Pennsylvania I have not heard from him for several weeks am looking for him home soon if you could see Andover you would see quite an improvement in buildings it is a time of health among the inhabitants Austin Harmon is married to Eliza Case and Tells Wight has just brought home a wife from Michigan Uncle Thomas and aunt Pauline have been to make Josephine a visit this fall she talks of moving to Ohio it is the report Mrs Charles Wade is dead she was taken sick with the pleurisy and died in five days. Ellen Strickland come home this summer to stay while her husband was gone to England she had two

children a little girl eight years old a boy two years old they took sick with the scarlet fever the girl got well but the boy died they have gone back to Iowa and Thomas Case lost a boy three years old with the same disease Henry Morley and wife have gone on a visiting tour to Pittsburg Oil City and then to Michigan Mary thought she had worked hard enough in the Hotel to have a little rest I had a letter from Vink he is in Monmouth Warren co Ill working in the same shop he was in last winter Wet Morley and his wife went out to Iowa this fall said they were all well and doing well Mrs Butler has come down to spend the winter Dwight Birchards wife is dead she left a family of eight children a baby five weeks old I cant think much more to write this time I would like to see you and have some of those Michigan apples I read of in the gentinel it is too bad the Enterprise had to stop I want than two grandchildren Bell and Ben to write me a letter I send them a kiss and love to

you all write soon and often

from your loving mother

Hannah Root

#138

Andover Pa Oct 21,1876

Dear daughter I will write just a few lines in regards to that note Alva Stillman has a claim against that and Leroy Stillman has a claim against Drake shares with Keene and that account signed by the heirs is not sold Drake got home yesterday he says he has it yet with him let Keene go on you need not fear about these matters he cant go very far Vink is here feels quite well but looks very much the other way if he can get work he will stay two or three months I shall be just about happy if he does I aint feeling well for a few days it is the effects of a cold we are having fine pleasant weather now I get your letter yesterday write soon I must close it is mail time this from your mother lovingly yours Hannah Root

PS dont look for me at present I may not come before New Years

#139

Andover 9th 1876 ((no month))

Dear Husband & children

Have finly got as far as A- arrived here last night about half past nine I expected to have to stay at Ashtabula over night but found there was a freight going down at half past seven that carried passengers so went right along it was not very pleasant going down for it rained hard when we got to Ashtabula and after had started down but had stoped before we got to Andover

It is now Friday morning and shall have to stay here over Sunday so cannot get home Saturday as I had thought but well leave here Monday. will not write any more now for Drake is going up to tell Ma that I have come and I will send this along she is up to Louise she is pretty sick has not been able to be up for some time, presume will not live the winter out

Yours forever

Ever Poothly

12 o'clock 30 minutes Wednesday am just about starting west from Buffalo, what botheration having to wait so much, have had to stay here two hours and a half, everybody is talking about the election. They say Tilden is elected, some have their

fences prolonged width wise and some lengthwise over the rows, but I suppose they will have to put up with it which ever way it is.

Well here it is nearly two o'clock and we have only just left Buffalo shall not get to Ashtabula before night. The country along here is level and not very thickly settled and some of the queerest board fence. I cant begine what it is for off towards the lake looks as though the hills were pretty near mountains covered with trees about half of them evergreens Dunkirk stop twenty minutes for dinner, I did not get dinner, having got a lunch at Buffalo, have had quite a shower have run quite near to the lake twice, and one place saw a ship way out on the water most out of sight back from the lake I should think 4 or 5 miles you can see the mountains. Here we are pretty near the lake again, and that boat that was most out of sight, has disappeared but can see the smoke yet.

Here is some more for the children I send it as I wrote in the cars so they can see how writing looks when written on a fast railroad train.

((stationery is headed The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway))

#140

Philadelphia Nov 2 1876

Dear Husband & children

I was a going to write last night but when I got home I was so tired thought I would wait until now Oh children you could not stand it at all here the street car's and wagon's are all crowded I have to stand up on the car's have not had a chance to get a seat but once and then only part of the way. But then I stand it first rate have not had the head ache once if I only had two pair of eyes or if you were here then what I did not see you could so between us both we might see about all there is I went over to Agricultural Hall yesterday found John but could not get a chance to speak with him there were so many around so did not wait as I did not want to spend the time but went back today and after waiting fifteen or twenty minutes got a chance to shake hands and say how do you do. He said he went to the train Sunday morning, to the Centennial Depot did not find me and he asked the agent about visitors stoping there The agent told him that they usually stopped there, but the sleeping car's went to the other Depot and he said he could not get away to go there. But I got along with out a bit of trouble all right. I think I have done pretty well I have not got lost once in any of thees great buildings, have got through most of them, today was through the Womans Pavillions, Manges, Government, New England, Kitchen, Illinois head quarters, and part of Agricultural Hall. At a stand for the sale of fruit and honey in the California Department I bought a two pound box of orange blossom honey for fifty cents to bring home Mr Thitlock received a letter from home to night saying that Will Keesler and their hired girl were not expected to live with the scarlet fever but he said she did not say that there were any other cases I can not say anything about the big show only that there is an awful crowd of people here and more coming all the time can tell it better when I get home. All hands of us went to a Theatre to night. It was for the benefit of a consumptive Actor It was pretty good Mighty high around the world is played yet so I must see that one night the theatres are terribly crowded they say but I can get one of the girls to go with me and we will only make two more I will not write any more now for I must go to bed It seems as though I have been gone from home a month although I have improved all of the time Yesterday and today have been pretty warm but I am afraid it will rain to-morrow for the sky looks cloudy and the wind blowes considerably Write if the children are all right

Love to all

Nine Boothby .

Bill

On the road to the Centennial

I thought I would note my journey for the children to read Well Saturday passed as usual when one is riding not much of interest transpires was quite warm nothing to do but sit and ride for I could not make the cars go any faster if I had tried. When we were passing one of the towns near Chicago five or six little sunny urchins were on the bank of the railroad and among their lines and hurrahed as the train were part suppose it was for Hayes was Chester (the little rat) saw such splendid residences at Riverside and beautiful turn-outs Wm wouldn't it be nice to ride behind such fine horses covered with robes that look like velvet Well we arrived in Chicago between three and four took a bus for the Pittsburg and Fort Wayne depot then at the river had to wait for two boats to pass. Tell Ma the boat had three masts and a little puffing, bellowing money war, was taking them to the lake. Then the bridge was slowly turned into place and the bus proceeded on its journey At the depot I got my sleeping car ticket, all right the agent had reserved it. It was up C in car 5, I suppose you will know which one that is, but it is the second from the back end of the train While the man at the gate was scanning my ticket a little boy about twelve came through crying as hard as he could and helping his father to get into the Chicago, Alton & St Louis car his father had been drinking to freely I should judge for he could hardly keep on his feet and a police man was along to help him up if he fell down. The little fellow was having trouble enough It was a good long train I tell you seven Pullman sleeping cars besides the Hotel and other cars We left Chicago at five-fifteen sharp went to bed about half past eight, and had a pretty good rest In the morning got up about half past six looked out of the window saw by the time table that it was in Ohio and that there had been a hard shower in the night then I remembered of hearing some one say outside at some place that the train stopped in the night "Oh Jennie see how black that cloud is, hurry" so that must be where the rain came from The land did not look as rich as it does in Illinois yellow clay, scarcelsould think about as tall as you could reach, pumpkins about as large as your fist and the poor little heads of cabbage did not look as though there was much in them

After making my toilet asked the Porter where the hotel car was (for thought I would have a good breakfast) he said there was none on this train, it was on the other section I says they advertise one on this. He said the train was to heavy for one Engine so they had to divide it in the night by that time the train had arrived at Alliance where it stops for Breakfast, went out and got a good cup of coffee and bread sand-wich, felt very much refreshed. Then about ten o'clock the train stoped a few minutes again and some little tads had some apples and cider to sell I bought five cents worth of apples. They were three for five cents good large ones too and I heard a gentleman say that was good cider so you may imagine I was not long in testing it my self, and I found it all that it was recommended to be pure apple juice, and just made, five cents a goblet. By that time the train was ready to proceed (for of course I had to wait until I finished my glass of cider) arrived at Pittsburg at twelve fifteen for dinner, got a cup of coffee and piece of lemon custard pie which was splendid. Began to see hills soon after entering Pennsylvania and by the time we got to Pittsburg they were getting pretty high It being Sunday there was only one furnace lit up, two chimneys were spitting fire, one the flames reached about three feet high and the other was like several lamp's after leaving P - the hills got higher and higher saw one stretch of water that looked very blue and a little farther on an - other that was as yellow as paint, and still farther on another with clear water and quite large. The cars follow the river around the hills and once in about twenty miles I should think is a telegraph signal, and twice the train had to stop and wait a few minutes at those signals before it could pass for there were two trains ahead and they had to keep them so far apart, And when we got to the horse-shoe bend it was so dark and cloudy that I could not see it at all. Stopped

at Altoona for supper, a young lady from Chicago that was going alone the same as I and my-self went out to gether. The dining hall is in the Depot the same as it is at Cleveland, and they had a very nice supper everything was so nice and clean. Sevebal stoped there over night, to come through by day light. There is splendid view all along In the night I awoke the train had halted I looked out to see what was going on found it was just crossing the river at Harrisburg. Well I suppose we got to the Centennial all right for I awoke Monday morning and found the car standing at the Market Street Depot, waited in the car to see if I could see any thing of John until they began to back the cars down but did not see anything of him concluded it was best to leave so I went through the Depot, out to the street took a Market street car to 16th street, sailed up that, as fast as horse bons could carry us, to Easter Street, then, took street-horses to Willington street and was soon ringing the door bell at J P H Noblers Oh I forgot to tell about the conductor swiping the tickets. Well Saturday the Conductor come along snatched off too, gave me a check and punched three holes in it, Then he did not medle any more until just before getting to Chicago, he come for the check. Then the baggage man came along wanted to know if I was going farther than Chicago, I replied in the affermative, wanted to see my ticket snatched of the omnibus ticket and replaced it with a check. Then when we left Chicago, long comes the snatcher again and grabs of two more, gives me a check and punches a hole through it again, and after leaving Pittsburg another has a terrible spite against that little piece of paste-board, and must punch another hole through it and now it can have a little rest until I go home. Be good children

maybe

I put this in for the children and a book for Don so they can now ((omitted the word see)) how folks go to the centennial

#142

Nov 6th 1876 On the road home from the Centennial

Well here I am in the through Pulman car for Buffalo, fast train left Philadelphia at twelve-fifty-five P.M . and I tell you what we are skimming over the ground at a pretty good rate of speed I can hardly sit strait. The fence posts do not look quite as small as the teeth of a fine comb would compare more faverably with a coarse cane, see a great many evergreen trees the country is thickly settled all the way from Philadelphia to Harrisburg but a few wood housed mostly stone. The soil looks like clay saw three places where they were taking out iron ore, and one smelting furnace, town's every little way's but the houses all look just alike and this train dont mind any more about them than it would so many stumps only to whistle (I mean the towns) We go along on a level away's then through a cut, then over a bridge or an embankment so you see we have a veriaty. See lots of mountains though none very steep yet. The most of them along here are cultivated a little way back at a large stone barn I saw a tree with about fifty turkies on it would liked to have ((?)) one for Christmas. I tell you we are now coming to some splendid scenery. looks thickly dotted with little towns, cultivated fields all around and mountains covered with trees. for a background. The farm house are large and mostly stone occasionally I see a new house but the most of them look rather aged The scenery is delightful all the way. The railroad follows the river and canal on one side and mountains on the other as long as I could see. It was nice but not quite so nice waiting at Rochester three or four hours for a train. The train from Philadelphia was an hour late and the train that was to take the through Buffalo car had gone so had to stay until the next train and now about eight o'clock Wednesday morning are some where between Rochester & Buffalo.

((#139 comes after this))

#143

Warren Nov 6 1876

Dear mother

We are all well When I came home from school to day George Hofer and I played fox and geese till supper time after supper Papa gave us a letter from you and I brought it home and Nell read it Rouse was out in the kitchen hunting for a mouse when I went out in the kitchen and moved the barrels but could not find one it snowed to day when I was coming home from school today the weather was awful cold We gave four of our little minnies to Addie King today Nell is getting along splendidly in her work but she says she dont like to make beds or clean bird cages very well I let Rouse in the dining room he layed by the fire till he was so warm that he panted like every thing he did not know enough to go away Nell wants you to come grandma to come home with you dont forget the old school books I cant think of any more now so goodby I sit up twenty five minutes of eleven to write this letter

From your son Ben ((10 years old))

#144

Yuba City, Nov.7,1876

My Dear Brother

I have not heard from you in a long time, so long that I cannot tell which wrote last, but presume it was you as I am so unfaithful about writing. I should like to hear from you and your nice little family oftener than I do but dont know just how to bring it about. I hope this will find you all well, prosperous and happy; the last probably would follow if the former were true. You doubtless have visited the "Centennial" I hope so. I have not; but have ached all summer because I could not go and have had two spells of sickness. I feel that my loss, in not being able to go can never be made up to me.

I am teaching in the same position as last year and the year before My work is very pleasant but I am quite lonesome without Henry. Father has doubtless informed you that Henry went to Mich. last May to spend his vacation at home. I intended to bring him back this fall, but our peopled argued that I never would come home if he came back and I thought best all things considered to let him remain East. I have placed him in a boarding school where he can have special training and care as a child. He is at Dansville Seminary N.Y. he was very homesick at first and our people thought no very cruel but in a letter received Saturday he says he is not homesick any more but finds things just to suit him, says they could not be much better. Dansville Seminary is a hygienic institution the largest in the U.S. I intend now to go home next June I spent my vacation last summer with a very pleasant and wealthy family on a ranch four miles out of town I instructed the children two hours a day and sewed some had the use of a horse and carriage whenever I wished I will give you the proceeds of the ranch this year, viz 15000 bu. of wheat 5000 bu. of barley 200 tons of hay and 300 hogs They were harvesting thrashing & hauling to market when I went there had 25 men employed and 40 horses. They have a palatial residence Mr.Walton the owner started with a little floorless cabin and took up government land sixteen years ago.

I spent one week this summer in San Francisco I had unusually pleasant time I visited "Woodward's Gardens" which you have doubtless read of this favorite resort for pleasure seekers if not let me tell you they comprise an aviary an aquarium, a managerie, a museum, and an conservatory all on a grand scale. also a large amphitheater and restaurant. It is the pleasantest place I ever visited I also visited the "Mint", the "Mechanics Fair" open for two months every year in a large pavilion built for the purpose. and the "Cliff House"" where one can get a grand view of the Ocean. and Seal-Rocks. about four miles out of the city. My escort was Rev.U.Gregory bro.to J.M.Gregory, formerly pastor of the church at Leslie now pastor of Fifth Baptist church at San Francisco.

Sarah and George have moved into the house with father and mother.

does Omar live in Warren? if so remember me kindly to him I should like to hear from him. Tell me all about your family, and self. When I visited you there were some very beautiful mottoes and appropriate passages of scripture put upon the wall of the Church in evergreen will Nine find out what they were and get the design for me if it is not too much trouble, they were the prettiest designs I ever saw and we want our church trimmed just like it for Christmas so dont disappoint me. My love to your family please write soon

Aff.

Elizabeth

#145

Andover Dec 28, 1876

Dear daughter it is time I answered your letter the cold weather is my greatest trouble now days but am getting pretty well used to it we have had four weeks of good sleighing which we dont get every December and the weather has not been extreme cold only two or three days my health is good and has been most of the time since you was here Vink is well and fat he and I are getting along happily this winter I shouldent know how to spare him I dont believe I can ever get breakfast any more Frank is well and steady stays up to the center working some, times are very dull here and no use for anyone to go out on uncertainties Louisa is better than she was she has been gaining for the last two weeks Pubé came home last saturday yesterday Henry Farley went up there with a critter and took them down to his house there is no sickness about as I know of people are trying to improve the sleighing I should think. I think Nell deserves praise for doing so well when you was gone cant you tell her of another little girl some years ago that made her own dresses when she was short her age I remember about such a one well it is about bed time and I cant think much to write I have been ironing and am tired. it is morning after a nights good rest I set myself to finishing up my letter it is snowing very fast we may have our sleighing continued so I can have a ride, they had a tea party for the benefit of the church last night in Morleys hall to night there is a mite society at Jim Morleys Harvins and there is a protracted meeting started which all may take off some of the duliness in the place we have not heard from Thomas since you was here I want Nell to write and a letter from Don would be thankfully received. Vink is waiting to take this to the office I send love to than some for yourself and children Mrs Robbins Kate Mrs Canfield Nora your mother in love

Hannah Root

P S I shall come as soon as I can get all things ready.

#146

Dear Friend May 6th 1877

I have been wanting to write to you for some weeks but kept putting it off till now.

Your nice kind letter done me a great deal of good and I am beginning to hope for a good long visit from you before long. I think we could improve the time pretty well for one while, do make up your mind to come and the Children of course, besides I think Mr B- needs a change of Climate, there must be some turrible secret preying on his mind or perhaps you fail to prepare little dainties to tempt his appetite. Hope he is gaining are this for it must be dreadful to have him waisting away before your eyes.

I am gaining every week and begin to think in time I may be better than

I have been for years, am very comfortable all the time, have to be very careful not to sit up or be on my feet too long, shall not dare attempt visiting you this year though anticipate it at some future time should I regain my health enough to do so. Emma has not found time to make that visit yet thinks the cares of a family quite confining but I tell her it will all come right some time. she and Eunice are planning to spend a week at the Exhibition this fall as she has never been yet. Martin is getting his corn ground ready planted a small piece yesterday though it is pretty cold yet, how backward the Spring is, fear the Apple crop will be very light Cherries are going to blossom full. Raspberries too and most small fruits we should miss the Apples now greatly they have been so abundant the last two or three years.

You will perceive how dull I am and excuse the short letter. will more than make it up when you come. you see it is a settled fact you are to do so and pl please drop a Postal when, much love to you all and as ever your Friend

I. E. Metcalfe

#147

Feb.10- 1878

Dear Niece I was glad to hear from you and hear that you were all well this leaves us All well that liniment you spoke of is not to take to bathe as for to cure cancers I can not say but if i had one I should try it it cured Esther and A Lady living at Tuscarora Wis that was similar to Mothers by bathing from 2 to 3 times A day with A soft sponge A soft piece of cloth Cleland was maried 2 years ago last June she lives in Wis I was out their last fall she has got A nice little boy born 22 of may June is gon to Ohio on A visit this winter expects to stay 3 months so we are left withe little Tom year old Adell and she is tending school

No more at prosnnt

Yours

D H Root
Parma Jackson co
Mich

you forgot to give your postofice adress

#148

Leslie July 2nd 1878

Mr Nathl Boothby Warren Ill.

Your letter was recaved last friday, and if you only know how miserable and broken down I am you would excuse me for not giving you an answer before to-day. The weather for the last five or six days has been extremely hot. So much that I have been wilted down, and have been obliged to lie on the bed most of the time cant stand it to walk to the nearest neighbors without tiring out

The Tibbits note hasnot been returned yet to the Leslie Bank In about nine months The note will be payable with two years interest which will amount to Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars ($230.00) Now, there is no doubt but the note is good, and will be paid when it becomes due, I would not sell the note at much of a Shave at any rate. ClaudiusC.Walker is the cashier of the Leslie Bank, and he is a very obliging young man I suppose Elizabeth will stay at Vacaville another year teaching,(Solano Co.) She is now spending a (Three Months) vacation at Oakland Cal.

meet Silsby and family are living in Ottawa City, 55 miles South west from Kansas City. They are in Franklin Co. I will try and write to Mrs Isabella Kenyric soon I wrote to her a year ago last Feb. soon after the death of Willard Crowell - but the letter came back to me from Washington as mentioned We shall want to hear from you often now Omar has gone to Wyoming Territory and all about him and his family. How many children did he leave with his wife.

Your Mother keeps round doing the house work yet. Dosie Monroe and Bertice (for short) are living with us. She is 12 years old and is a very smart little girl and much help to us - she is a good Milker. We are going to have an older girl however, before long if it takes all the wheat raised on the farm to pay her - We would like very much to see you and family out here. or you alone, if none can come with you - for we shall soon pass from Earth - Your mother will be 71 the 30inst. My age you know is 84 ((4 isn't very plain)) the 29th of April - 84 years and two months This writing has been quite an effort for me. Our wheat on the ground looks promising for a good crop, 15 or 16 acres, most ripe for cutting.

M.S.Boothby

Now take some Sunday and write us a good long letter. Mother sends love to your family and self - I send the letter, such as it is - It is cooler to-day and last night too, with considerable rain, which was needed - Here I rest, the same as allawyer would the case-

M.S.Boothby

((The writing for such an old man is remarkable, very legible. I think his education must have been better than that of most of his children))

#149

Berkeley, Alameda Co.
Cal. July 4, '78

Dear Sister

About a year and a half ago I received your very welcome and interesting letter It is an old trick of mine to treat my correspondents thus and however much I am ashamed of it and repentant I dont seem to recover from it. I can only hope that you are not vindictive and that I shall be forgiven and receive a response from this in less than a month. Now I should like to have visited you last Summer - when I went home but it was impossible. If I calculate correctly Bello must be 14 or 15 years of age and Boud. quite a boy. Come to think Bello must be 13 I think she is about Henry's age Henry is 13. He is quite large of his age writes me that he is five ft. in hight I think he is in just the best kind of a place for him. From all that I can learn he is developing finely. His studies this year have been Latin, Algebra, Bookkeeping, Botany and a review, preparatory to "Regent's examination", of Arithmetic & Grammar. He had the opportunity of being clerk in their Congress last year and has acted sat as Jurman in their "Court" on different times this year. If I can make satisfactory arrangements I shall not send him to school next year I do not wish to crowd him but did wish to incline him toward study while young.

Last year was the most profitable year seemingly of all my teaching and I felt the most like making it my life work. My work and also the associations with the Pres. and professors were very pleasant I am spending my vacation in Oakland and Berkeley. I stopped at Oakland one month It is just across the Bay, a twenty minutes ride from San Francisco; has a much milder climate than the latter and is a much more beautiful City has over twenty thousand inhabitants, is the Queen of California On account of its fine climate intelligent citizens and beautiful homes as well as its location Berkeley is five miles from Oakland and in reality is only an extension of it. The State University is located here and other important institutions. I wish I could show you the sights from this house beautiful

doll-like,grand!! from one point alone four cities are visible the Bay several islands "Walden Pond" and the Pacific. The climate cool enough to be comfortable without fire - if one is clothed in flannels A double window lets in the glorious sunlight in the morning into my room not the hot sunshine that makes one feel so languid in the East, but genial, lifegiving and one wants all he can get, And this the entire year

When such beautiful homes ! How I would like to live here always. I am quite tired as is evident from the mistakes I am making, must close. Please give my love to the children and tell me all about them and yourself when you write

Aff.

E.D.Tibbits

I attended the "May Festival" in San Francisco and sang with the Chorus It was the rarest treat of my life.

#150

Chicago Jan 22nd 1878

H Doothby Esq

Dear Sir you may be somewhat surprised at my writing after to long a silence should have written often had there been any thing to write about Nettie starts for Cleveland Friday to go to School with her cousin they offer her a splendid chance and as matters stand it is best Marcia is going to School here the old Gall hasent been much sick since she left the 8½ years sick but am inclever think she just begins to realize what she has been laying to do and would do entirely diferent if she had considered sooner. now about my prospects I have not given up but am still trying to get at something I have a chance now to get a first class coal yard one that is well located and is an old established one it consists of a good Brick Office with Furniture a Double Beam 7 Ton Scale Shovels ((?)) 3 Wagons 7 Harness 1 good Horse about 20 cords of Wood House and all in good order the improvements would cost about 1000.00 cash besides the cost and the business is now good the ground rent is 15 pr month there is a mortgage on the whole of 400.00 due May .12th the owner wants to start for California by Feb 1st if possible now I have a trade made and have until saturday noon to close it am trading some Lots valued at 500.00 and 100 cash and my note due 90 days now I will tell you what I will do if you can raise me the 100 in time will let him make the Bill of Sale to you and you can hold it as security for my debt too you allowing me to run the business and pay up the mortgage and your claim which I think I can do by next Jan besides making a good living am anxious to get at something of the kind that is tangible have had hope and faith that I might get something out of my property but cant hold out long enough for that I have arangements all made with the coal co that I opened the mine for in Indiana at 2.50 pr ton on car and also with a Hand coal man for 1.25 maragin pr ton from retail price the Indiana retails at 400.00 so you see there is a good profit there ought to be at least 20 tons sold at that point per day if you can come in by Friday evening think you will be convinced that it puts me in a way of paying you and gives me a chance to make a living the details we can arange as to what amt you must have pr month and so forth when you come the location cant be better besides the next 3 months are the best for retail yards as the large ones mostly furnish in the fore part as then is when they cut prices and fill up where they can but a great many who laid in for the winter begin to get short for coal especialy by Mar 1st Yours &c

E.L.Root

address 100 Wash.

#151

Feb.16.1879 ((maybe '78))

((probably 1878, as it is similar to # 147))

Dear Cousin

We received your long looked for letter & being afflicted by sickness it was laid aside unanswered but as I now have the time & opportunity I will endeavor to comply with your kind wishes. Mother has been very sick this winter but is so she sits up a part of the time Celana Clark my sister from Wis is spending the winter with us she has been quite sick also her little boy and sister Nella. I and father have been quite well but pretty well tired out.

Mother says she does not know what she took for her general health as she got it from the doctor. we get the liquid Amonia but very often you will get poor oils, if the oils are good the liniment will create an irritation. she thinks though it is doubtful about a cure on your neighbor as it is so far along, there is a Doctor living somewhere in Wis that has cured the cancer in the breast he puts on a plaster that takes it out in about twenty four hours if you wish further information about this Doctor let me know as I think I can find out his name & address of my Uncle living in Wis he has been doctoring with him, this Doctor took a cancer from the breast of Uncles Sister after it had been cut out once he will not guarantee a permanent cure after they have once been cut out but he cured her she lived an number of years after & never felt any effects of the cancer & died with the tipheid fever Mother said she made no change in her diet, and it was but a few days before she felt better that is the pain was not so great.

the weather has been very mild here for the past few weeks but previous to that we had plenty of cold & snow. I enjoyed myself splendidly last winter was sorry your mother could not come to make us a visit on her return we would like to have yourself husband & Children come & make us a visit would like to have your pictures I remember the children as little Nell and Fanny I suppose now they are Mr & Miss I should like to see them very much. we all join in sending our love to you & yours hoping to hear from you soon I remain as ever your cousin

Jennie Root ((in pencil after this is written "now Summers" - some of us may have written it at Uncle Ben's direction the night in Ipswa we looked thru the letters))

#152

Aug 20th 79

Dear Peggy

I thought I would sit rite down and answer your letter was so glad to hear from you. you will be surprised when I tell you that Aunt Hanner Root is out here visiting she came here yesterday she staid in Hinsman a week she is going to go back to Hinsman in about a week. I was over to aunt Nill's yesterday and I happened to look out over there and I saw some body out doors and I says ma if aunt Hanner was here I should say that was her so I went rite over there and it was her. she said she had not had but one letter from you or your mother. she said she thought you might write a gosdal. I think you ought to. I am going up to aunt Amelia's where aunt Hanner is to-day. I am pieceing me a quilt you see I am fixing to get married yet and grandma has gone to Greenville to day. ma wants to know where Nell ((maybe Nelt)) Nell's is living now? how do you get a long with your carpet have you got it down? my uncle Neal Nell boys were here now and somebody broke in Friday night and took all the money

out of the money drawer which was about $1 ((this was to 3d)) and a lot of other little things. uncle Noel started for Colorado yesterday noon.

I dont remember whether I told you that I had a new dress it is made long basque and skirt two ruffels round the skirt and one on the basque trimmed with torchon lace round the ruffels. when I got your letter and found out that you was out to Wayne and what a good time you was having it made me awful homesick. I sit down and cried. I was awful glad that Bertha wrote to me it done me as much good as to get a letter from you. you did not say how long you was going to stay out to Wayne nor how long you had been there.((must mean there)) I am going to gather up your letters and let aunt Hanner read them I am going to keep all of your letters that I got from you. what is the pattern of the tidy's you are making for Lucy & Lona? you have not sent your picture yet. do you think that my picture looks like me ? I am sitting up stairs writing on a book . well I do not know what to write about there is not any thing to write about that will interest you there is going to be a band concert down to Orangeville Saturday I am going to go they dont have a band here to Burch Hill. I guess I will have a gold chain when we get to Chicago dont say any thing about it for maby I wont I have got $2.14 cents and ma has got to pay the rest of it. now Peggy you must write sooner than you did last time. I sit rite down on the next day after I got yourseame and answered. write soon

Sally

((don't know who Sally or Peggy can be, but they must be Root relatives. "Aunt Hanner" mentioned is Hannah Root, the mother of Chestina etc.)) [illegible]

#165

Chicago June 25/82

Mr Boothby

In reply to yours I will say that Morley's told me they would pay Stillman & I could pay them as I was able & I sent them the money if it will do any good for me to come down let me know

yours in hast

L R 527 State St ((must be Reuben))
Chicago
#154

Warren Ills Sept 26th 1882

Hon E B Washborne

Dear Sir

Some 10 years ago I purchased 160 acres of land from your brother C C Washborne his wife not signing the deed your brother gave me a bond to secure her interest

I understand her friends have now commenced suit to recover her full 1/3 of his property will this in any way effect the title to the land the bond was put on record in Lafayette county and would it be necessary to take any action in reference to the bond while the estate is unsettled I was requested to write to you in reference to this matter and trust you will give me all information by return mail Respectfully N Boothby
Warren Ill

on the other side :-

365 Dearborn Ave. Chicago
Sept 29.1882

I take it there will be no trouble in regard to the title-in question. As the widow is provided for in Gov.Washburnes will it is not believed she is entitled ((ink smudge here)) dower. Yet it would do no harm to file your claim against the Estate at Le Crosse

W D Washburne

#155

Warren May 23rd 1883

Dear Husband

I received your letter wednesday morning and was a going to answer so as to have it go out at night. then I thought if you thought of coming back so soon you would not get it, and as you have not come yet perhaps you have concluded to stay a while longer. Doc Buchanan was up this afternoon. to see what you wrote about the mine. he said he heard that the vein was four feet wide. I showed him the letter but he will not say any thing about it. I suppose Doc told him as Ben said Doc asked him if we had heard from you and what you said about the mine, as how it was looking I suppose he is anxious. Doctor said he had sold another ninth, but I did not ask him who to, he thought with that and his share would go quite a ways towards clearing out the Mine de Tentana (I dont know as that is spelled right) He thought the signs of the Doll of Gardon, were good with the exception perhaps of it sinking pretty fast. but that may all come right after you get farther in to it. He thought you were some scared about the small pox. but he said he did not think you would take it if your system is in pretty good condition. and if you would get some Carbolic acid sprinkle your clothes every day, put some on a cloth or your handkerchief sniff it and rub it over your face, he thought would do more good than carrying any thing in your pocket, but I say keep the camphor and if you get some fetid tie it in a rag and put it around your neck I asked Doc about these remedies that I will inclose, he said the cream-tartar drink might be good but the other didont amount to any thing But that is the way the Doctors always talk about any such thing. I dont think there would be any harm in taking it any way. But the surest preventative of all would be to get vaccinated with pure vaccine and use carbolic-acid plentifully with cream tartar drink and you will be safe. I see in the papers they are having it all around the country, and in several towns on the Mississippi. It has rained most of the time since you left Ben has not been able to do but one days work on his mineral it has been so wet, he thought he got about one dollar and a halfs worth picked out that day, he said he could make better wages at that than selling tobacco plants I received a postal from Dubuque saying they had received your valued order and would give it prompt attention. alletter came from Lordsburg I will enclose it also one from Noah with two notes in it signed by George Monroe, and Noah thought he would be able to pay them this fall as he is working the whole farm this year. I put the notes with the other papers. It is late. write soon and what you will do. we are all well good night

Time Soothby

Doc said he wrote last sunday
to you and sent a draft for one hundred and fifty dollars and then he wrote again tuesday and again to-day.

T B

#156

Leslie, May 20,1883

My Dear Brother

Fifty-five years ago to-day your Father and Mother were

united in the holy bonds of wedlock in the city of Buffalo by Rev. G. Wing an M.E. clergymanand to celebrate the day we kept the place. My she wants me to write to her children. How little a young couple realize what the path of life they enter together will lead them into. Mother's health is as good as any lady of 78 years could expect though she remarked this morning after taking a walk about the yard that it did not seem that her days could be many more she felt so tired. She seems lamer than ever this Spring and sometimes her joints give out almost but her independent spirit of self help is unabated She wishes but very little personal attention. She helps Mary wipe dishes and clear away the table and clean vegetables and build fire &c She reads a good deal but her eyes tire easily Says she will need her interest money which is about due though it is no need to write it for you are always prompt. Says tell you she wants to hear how you are prospering in all things and wants you to write especially about Benj. for he was just convalescent when she heard last.

She wants to know how Omar is and where if you know.

I received your last in December I believe since then Mattie Glenn has spent three months with us came over when we were having a Musical Institute in Leslie but was not able to attend much I attended twenty days and aided in two concerts Leona ((maybe Seena) Crowell a pretty maiden, came down from Jackson and attended too. The instruction was first class by a Prof. and his wife who have taught 25 years and the music we sang was mostly their composition. She was also a fine elocutionist and had large classes here. She was one of the most perfect women I ever met. We all enjoyed Mattie very much indeed She is a lovely girl but almost an invalid I went home with her March 15 and staid seven weeks, nearly, very pleasantly although the weather was very severe and Richard, Emily, Mattie and I were all feeling quite miserable most of the time We felt like the "breaking up of a hard winter" I had a good rest though just what I needed and had a chance to sew some for myself which with company, going and housework I did not seem to find here. I expect to be married sometime in June after Henry gets home and after my beloved gets his house done which he is building You ask me to tell you all about him He is a prosperous farmer lives one mile east of Leslie, has only a business education but genuine manly qualities, domestic in taste, and drives business enough to satisfy anyone. He has five children four daughters and one son. The oldest daughter 19, who keeps house for him will marry this fall. I shall be the third wife. The first was mother to all the children. The second an educated lady from Philadelphia with whom he lived only four years died two years ago last August. I love him well and am loved to my satisfaction and anticipate happiness. Henry is informed and was before our engagement and is well pleased. The kind, noble, manly common sense way in which Henry has entered into and talked over the matter makes me respect and love him more than ever. I am going to answer Bells letter soon You will receive an invitation in due time to the wedding.

Oh ! This is from me ! Elizabeth

#157

Rockford July 26 1890

Mr Boothby
Sir

I can not find no Dog at the present time that would Suit you if I happen to find one I will let you know as soon as possible

Yours Respectfuly

Richard Kelly

#158

Andover Sept 24 1870 ((this is 1870))

Dear daughter it is so long since you left for home and no tidings arrive that I thought you had forgotten to write I have tried to excuse you though for you find a great deal to do to home of course my health has been poor for sometime past and have lost a good deal of flesh I cant keep food on my stomach I call it dyspepsia I havent consulted any doctor believe Ill go and see Dr Hutchinson of Greenville Wallace got home two weeks ago he aint certain about staying things look so hard he cant make more than a living if he stays I cant urge him but I want him more Moffits has a month longer to stay Carrie is getting Benj to sleep, I may have a hired girl Im pretty glad of that you better think

in another hand and different ink this follows:

Dear Sister Tina

What do you mean not to have written to us before now, we have looked and looked for a letter until finally we came to the conclusion that there was no use in waiting any longer and I would have written before now if I could possibly have found the time but I have had so much to do havent had the chance even of resting Sundays. The first and worst of all that's happened us was a few days after you went away. Will started for Greenville one morning took his we revolver along as he expected to come home in the night, at Hoppville he went to turn the revolver in his pocket and it went off the ball entered at his wrist and passed up his arm but dident come out . He came directly home neither of the doctors here had probes long enough to reach the ball we then sent for Clapp they probed 4 ((maybe 8)) and 1/2 inches up his arm where it nearly came through it took a turn from that and they couldent find it they then concluded that if the wound treated up without any trouble it was best to let the ball remain it pained him badly that day but after that but very little it healed up rapidly in 4 weeks he could straighten his arm and use it well as ever. I have had lots to keep me busy I tell you I had to make Hannas shirt before the fair it took me a week and had to improve every minute at that it was an awful night of work but twas a beauty when done. we had a real good fair and well attended. Will and I have been over to his Mothers were gone about a week. Millie stayed with me last night asked you were going to write I should think you had better Now you must write right back for Ma wants to know how much money you left Pruke has lost the account there will be some coming back to you for there was 50 dollars that belonged to the estate that wasent reckoned out in that statement we had when you were here. I have sold my interest for 20 dollars an acre and Dr Marvin made me a present of 5 dollars. Walk has sold his for 20. When you write tell us how you found Ma Chipmans folks. how Neato is and where she lives also about the folks in Connecut and Madison. and all about your journey home. Ma is counting the days till Moffits time is out she is working at her carpet now Josephine has been home on a visit they visited here last Monday she was intending to start home Wednesday she had a little boy ten months old with her a real smart little fellow. she left her oldest at home. her husband dident come with her. Nells husband is very sick he had the fever in Nebraska got better and came home and was taken with chill fever they got that broken and then the dysentery set in but he was better the last I heard. King Marvin is dead his wife was sick and he was bringing her home they stoped at her sisters in Painsville and he was taken sick with the dysentery and died he was brought here and buried now be sure and write without delay Will sends his best respects Freddie sends a kiss for Nell and Ben he and Mary talk about them yet

Good bye, Sister Loke. dont forget to write

Addressed to Mrs N Keeling -142 North Hedzie Ave.,Chicago,Ill.

Andover Sep 21 1930

My very dear friend Ingelina

I received your very welcome letter Monday evening, and you will never realize what a treat it was to me. I had just returned from the Pa. had been there since Friday noon helping to care for Jenette she is lying very sick with dysentery blood passing C so often her youngest daughter Jenette is A trained nurse and she is taking care of her. Mary my sister came yesterday so she has good care if that will only save her how glad we all will be. I have not heard this morning from her if she was worse they would telegram me I had planed for the Missionary tea at my house as when Mary came I went ahead with it. there was about 40 here would have been more but the rain poured down your good box came and many thanks for sentence I shood it to the people yesterday the hole thing was A great curosity I could tell them many tails out of it. I took the box to Jenettes but she was to sick to hear the letter she looked at the eggs and laughf A little poor girl, if she gets well she will enjoy it all, if she gets worse I will try and write you A card. Her eye is against her. you we have had so many deaths here, this is only A reminder that we too are hastening the same road but if we are only prepared that is the main thing for A little time here makes but little difference. O W and I are living all alone. Lete lives in Mich Arthur ((?)) is in Concert Lete was home this summer she has two boys Giles the eldest is 12 Hattie 7 she buryed one twins between the two Arthur is now 20 years old he was A small boy when you was here he is tall and slender not strong Jenette has such a nice family Hattie and family were all here from China last year they have 3 children they spent last year in Nashville put their two oldest Jenette and Margaret in college Jenette and H they are 15. 12 The boy Robbert is 5 they have gone to Switzerland to give the girls A year there Dr Hache goes back to China as soon as it is safe for Missionaryes and Hattie and children will spend A year in Switzerland go from there to China. they took ~~M~~ Chapins (his brother) oldest boy also one of A friends with them. that is the way Hattie pays her expenses. Chapin lives in Hartford Connecticut he is very well off making money all the time he is in the Building and loan business and insurance you never said any thing about your children How is Than I how I would like to see you both. he was the first young man I ever liked. I was so glad when he liked you for I always wanted you to have the best of everything. I suppose that was the reason I gave you Mothers samples well I am now 64 years old pretty old to be writing such stuff Robbert Giles is still living he is not well does very little work his daughter keeps house for him Helen Cadwell of Cleaveland visited us last week he is quite feeble is the last of uncle Reuben Cadwells family living Josifeen Pickers daughter Anna was lately married to Will Cole they are keeping house and Josefeene and husband are away on A visit there they used to live I believe in Pa or York state, your aunt Dwelino is still living she looks pretty old I saw her A few days ago. I heard that Nick Barleys were going to celebrate they golden weding next month

Friday Evening

I left my writing and went to see Jenette this afternoon she is about the same. A little more favorable. I have just come from Robbert Giles I was telling him about the silk worms and what Margaret Hache said about them that is the Chinese women carry them in their bosoms to hatch them. Then she would shrug her shoulders. Robbert Giles said that was like Lorn Putney he carried A young Pig under his arm to hatch it. I suppose you remember him and Barnard one of them read the history of the lives of the notorious characters individuals to be published to the people. I have not seen Mary Morley since I rec your letter will see her soon. did Louisa tell you that O W Sister Delia died in June she was very comfort to her head

long John is left all alone Laura lives in [illegible] but she was with her mother when she died. she has 4 children so she has enough to keep her busy well [illegible] I guess I have written enough for this time [illegible] wished to be remembered to you and Boothby also O W and I we send lots of love well good bye write again when you can

Delia S. Baker

Ps I enjoyed the party I have none
to send you now but will send A family group we had taken at the [illegible] last summer the 28 of Aug of just our family all the brothers sisters and their familys all the [illegible] children and grand children was at home so we had A reunion I think you will know Jenette and Dr I stand back of him [illegible] next to me [illegible]
Cousin Philo the rest you will not know Lota and her family are not there but Arthur is he is the third from the left at the top [illegible] I may see you and tell you the worst one good bye

[illegible]

government postcard from Andover

Andover [illegible] Sep [illegible] 1900

My dear friend
Sadness has come into our family again Jenette died last eve at six O clock after an illness of two weeks the funeral will be tomorrow at two O clock we was hopefull untill the last there are now five of us living I suppose it will not be long fore we all shall go

yours with love

Delia

Obituary.

Mrs. Jenette Linn, wife of Dr. [illegible] Linn, died at her home at Richmond Center, Ohio, Sept. [illegible], after an illness of about ten days. The funeral services were held at the same place on September [illegible], and were conducted by Rev. [illegible] of Andover, assisted by her former pastor, Rev. [illegible], interment being in the family lot in the [illegible] Cemetery.

She was born in Andover, Ohio, November [illegible], the [illegible] daughter of [illegible] Smith, who were among the earliest settlers of that place, coming [illegible] to [illegible] wilderness. In [illegible] she [illegible] with her father's family to Richmond, and was here married, November [illegible], to Dr. Linn, who survives her. Since their marriage they have [illegible] in Richmond [illegible] a year and a half [illegible] when they [illegible] in [illegible], Pa.

[illegible] children, one of whom died in [illegible] of the family, all were present at the funeral [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] who has been for [illegible] years a missionary in [illegible] in Switzerland.

Mrs. Linn [illegible] many years a member [illegible] always [illegible] interest in [illegible] character. She was [illegible] [illegible]

Death of S. J. Smith.

Sagito J. Smith, president of the First National Bank, of Conneaut, died at sanitarium at Dansville, N. Y., 1:30 o'clock, Monday morning. Deceased was a brother of Mrs. O. W. [illegible] of this place and was born in Andover, Aug. [illegible]. He was [illegible] member of the well known [illegible] firm of Smith & [illegible] and was connected with many enterprises of a business nature in his home town of Conneaut. He possessed [illegible] business [illegible] of any [illegible] the [illegible] qualities.

He leaves a wife, a son of Conneaut, and a daughter, Mrs. [illegible] of Chicago. The funeral was held from his [illegible] attended.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1902.

#161

Leslie 10, 2,/1900

My Dear Brother & family

Sister M - and I arrived in Leslie the day following our good byes with you seven thirty A.M. feeling a little weary after our ride on the cars, but we took the day for rest. Found Mr William quite poorly, is better now but is not well, is attending to his business at the store but is under the Dr's care, and taking medicine. We all join sending you thanks for the very agreeable visit at your home and hope you may return the visit in the near future. My dear — daughter just escaped in the appalling disaster to Galveston with her life and the suit she has on She wrote me my clothes and furniture went down, said it would be so much easier to be dead this morning than to go out into the big world and have to start over again said she was sick and dazed Judge Pickett wrote me she had been very sick but was better. Her daughter Josephine had left the fifth for the second year in the Boston Conservatory of Music and the other daughter had been spending the summer with an uncle in Kans so the girls were neither of them in the storm. Jennie was intending to go to Kans as soon as she could get away. We feel distressed at the accounts we read and especially so

((rest of letter is gone)) ((think it must have been from Elizabeth))

#162

Leslie 12, 27,/1900

Dear Brother Nathaniel

Your letter was received some time ago in which you state, the desirable property offered for trade is heavily incumbered. Is it in shape that the rent will pay the incumbrance ? You had a letter from a man who offers to sell farms for cash could you give me his name please ? My time has been so completely taken up I have not given this business thought further than to feel that the farmers will have their fall work done and have time to contemplate trade later on. Our farm is a good stock farm, for a man with boys. There is too much for one pair of hands. And so much preliminary work for one who is not the sole owner, the profit is in the future and as three are interested in this not one of us are willing to take the responsibility so I propose to take a small farm for it, in preference to bothering my head to fit up this one. Although it would suit me very well if I was younger to hold on to this, and fit it up and get the profit in the future, as it is, I will take some thing that will work

((rest of this also is gone, but evoidently Elizabeth did not write either this or the one above, as I find this in margin:))

Elizabeth is not well but I think she will write you a few lines

#163

Andover Oct 23 1901

My very Dear friend

Your good letter that you wrote me over A year ago soon after Josettes death I have not answered to which I am ashamed, but for A long time I had so many letters to write I could not get an answer to yours in, well Josette was buried in Richmond where she had always lived for children were all there except Nettie she and family had just gone to Switzerland to give their girls A

year in French. and Mr Beebe had started for China so it was impossible for them to come Josette looked beautiful she had A lovey casket A white wool winding sheet, with pink roses A wreath of them put from the head to the feet. she was fixed the sweetest of any one I ever saw Mary Morley said to me she wanted to be fixed just like Josette was it was so nice of you to lay aside your work and be with us in mind Josette children red your letter they all thought it was beautifull. you will never know how much good that lovely letter did me. Philes Daughter and husband come from California last spring when Philo was so sick. we did not expect him to live but he got well and they took them all home with them Philo his wifes sister who he married only A short time ago and her Mother who was 90 years old they all stood the journey very well Philo wanted me to write to you and than to come to train and see them but they wer to be in Chicago in the night so I did not think it best so you see we are scattered- nearly over the hole world. Mocy Billialite ((may be Macy Billialite)) lives in Connecut. Hebbert Kile died in August he was sick A long time had dropsy do you remember Harriette L shires oldest daughter she married Everett Black she died yesterday Morning we have been down there to day she was quite young to die only fifty two, she leaves two sons one Married the other in college at Cleveland so you see one after another is called away. Oh how much I had rather see you and talk than write but shall we ever meet again in this world I do hope and pray we may. Lota and family are still in Thurce Mich they wer home this summer Arthur is at Ann Arbor to school so you see we are alone O W has not been very well he had A wreath on his Nose he had it taken off about four weeks ago it has all healed and you would not know there ever was ny thing there. we have A young lady rooming with us so we are not all alone in the house. Henry Morley is very poorly jessie is sick all the time so you see every one have their trebles Mary Strickland Morley was Buried A few weeks ago she lived to A good old age, I cannot think of any more deaths amonge the people whom you know Mrs Colefax is home with Marcie for A visit Eocie ((?)) and family are also home Eliph Thayer died last winter also Alva Stilman Mrs star Cadwell. Mrs Boliver Case died this fall well I would like to write some thing besides deaths but these are all people that you know so well. I thought you was coming to Andover again pleas do come we would surely be girls again if we could talk over old times brother Johns daughter and her girl visited us A fiew weeks ago they live in Geneva well I must say good buy with lots of love for you and than write

Celia Baker

Enclosed find A letter from Hattie you may return it some time for I would like to keep it D S B

#164

Connecut May 27 1902

My very Dear friend

It is now three months since I received your good letters written after Olmsted and Jites deaths. it was A long time before I felt that I could write A letter but now I felt I must write you and tell you of another much sadder death in our family which occured in Santa Ana California Gratia Smith Cooper wife of Rev John H Cooper and only child of Philos she has left A little girl eight years old Husband Father Aunt grandmother 90 years old all in her home and who leaned on her. I do not know what they will do the old people only have been there one year. she died the 18 of May from the affects of an operation which was the last resort. you will wonder why my letter is dated in Connecut instead of Andover well soon after O W. Death I had so A chance to sell and Lotta and family did not like to live in Andover and as we thought best to have A home together we sold and have bought in Connecut. you know Jites home was on A corner and south of his House wer two houses built some fifteen years ago the first one Willia has always lived in and we bought the one on the corner. it is on Hall and Liberty streets. so you see we are near together. Mary lives in Mothers

Perkins house just A little ways from here. Letta thought it would be better for me near the girls and so it is they are more company for us than any one else outside of my own family. Letta and Inez expect to be with us each this winter he is building Electric railroads in Muncie Indiana so Arthur and I will be alone wish you could come and see me. it is so lonely to live without Olmsted. take all the Comfort you can for one of you will be taken sooner or later I little thought I would be the one left none of us know we are in the hands of one who doeth all things well and we must ~~live~~ learn to lean hard on his strong arms you wrote in one of your letter of seeing A notice of A recepiton in Chicago it was John Lion his wife is Aunt to Jites present wife they wer all from Conn- many years ago. Letta saw her to Jites funeral and told her of what you wrote. I was not well enough to come so Letta was the only one to come from Andover Arthur was at Ann Arbor to school he had only been back A short time as he was home when O W Died last fall the old schoolhouse that used to sit on your Fathers land was torn down and I saved A window glass and intended to have it cut in square pieces and send you one but O W was taken sick soon after so I never have done it I think when I moved I brought it and if I can locate it I will send it to you some of those times I got it out of the window that looked over towards our house middle one so it will be quite A keep sake Oh there are only four of us left and it will soon be said there are none left of Elin Smiths children I wish I could see you and talk things over instead of writing Henry Morley is going to out live all the other men I guess he seems better Mira Enos and her Daughter have moved to Andover they came about the time I came away the first of April Lois Jotes girl lives in Chicago she was here when I came well I guess I will not write any more now for I am tired I have not been well since O W Death am better I think than I was two weeks ago but hearing of Gratias death almost broke my heart well good-bye with lots of love to you all

Adress Connecut
171 Corner Mill St and Liberty
Ohio

from your friend

Celia S Baker

#165

((envelope stamped Oct.6,1905))

My very dear Friends

We received your very beautifull letter, which brought to mind time & events of ye olden times, which is very pleasant to recall, they I think I can say they wer the pleasentst time of all.

I think you will think me a very ungratefull person not to acknowlage the receipt of your beautifull token of our ((she has three tilted circles here looking like three sets in a finger ring to me, I think the Boothbys sent something for a golden wedding celebration maybe)) they wer the admiration of all who have seen them I or we think you very kindly I did as you told me so you see we think of you daily

Now, Tine you must stand corrected, when you wrote you neglected to send me your address & I had to send to Nettie for it . She & her husband were away on a vacation & did not send it untill after her return - now Tincy my deare am I not excusable. did you get a paper the Andover Citizen which gave a pretty good acount of the afair Henry was presented withe a very nice Morris chair which he says he would not take a $1,000 for & I withe a beautifull China closet & other & beautifull & Golden presents yours withe the rest which was all bothe beautifull as well as usefull, all of which I highly prise on acount of the giver

you will see by the paper the lines by my Daughter-my Lyn Harris Lynn 75 aunt they beautifull we had them read at the Anniversary the "Wheel" nite was a lovely golden Sugar Sifter. when I got that with her letter it broke me all up. it brought back the past so vividly it came when I was dressing & had no time to indulge in Sentiment, but I had to have a good cry. Dear Friends you will never know how disapointed we were, to think of us celebrating our 50 Anniversary & our Groomsman & Bridesmaid, so near and alive (Oh! it was too bad) well, we had a very lovely time notwithstanding our great disapoint. but how are you & then are you passably well, if you are you should be very thankfull. Henry is very poorly but he keeps about & waits upon himself, for which I am very thankfull Jessy Lyn is very bad they sent for her Father last week she is staying withe Billie. she could not bear to stay at home after Josette died

those lines you sent me are very beautifull I had forgotten them but remember them after you recall them- did you remember them to write them if you did your memory is far better than mine
dont wait for our 75 Anniversary but come as the verses says come now, the chances are that before that time we shall all have passed the great divide, & gone on to our immortalities.

Now Time I thank you again & again for your kind remembrances hoping to hear from you soon please accept this withe love from yours truly

Henry & Mary ((Morley 77))

#166

Connecant July 1 1905

My Dear friend Chastina

We had A safe journey Josette stoped at Ash-and went to Andover I come home. found all friends well Lotta and family all here Hendrick started for Phelodelphia monday to Bid on some work. do not know when he will be home. I am so glad we could stop to see you. we had A lovely time it was so nice of you both to go to station with us wish I could have staid longer. but am thankfull we found you both at home. we enjoyed the lunch. Josette spoke of the lovely bread so many times. I walked in and surprised them all. they expected to make A great Adew and A number of them meet us but instead it was very quiet home coming. after being gone four months Last friday evening we had A surprise for Jay and wife. that is Marys youngest boy. it was the second Anversary of their Marriage and they just commenced house keeping this spring. I have thought of so many things I wanted to say to you but ~~wi~~ they will keep untill the next time we meet Lotta had the house all cleaned and it looks so plasent she had A new carpet on the parlor now Oleum on kitchen and several other changes which made it so plasent for me. Then I havent got to pich in to the hard work. but I miss Olusted more than I did at first it seems as though I must see him coming. A letter from Arthur he is well I have not seen any one from Andover so I have no news from there I did not tell you about Margrate and Elisibath Wheeler Henry has been sick for A long time Loby Husband died some time Ago also his daughter and she has the care of her little girl. they do not seem A bit as they used to. I am going to see them some time this summer. tell Bom there are lots of pretty girls here (I mean in Connecant) if he will come I will intreduce him to some of the best ones there is not much to write about so will close for this time thanking you both for your kindness to us. Mary Billie and all the wrest send love to you all. all take lots of love from me. write when you can find time from your friend

Julia S Baker

Ipava, Ill. Mar. 8, 1904

Dear Mother and home folks:-

I rec'd your good long letter a short time ago and as usual was glad to get it. To-day has been quite springlike, with water & mud every place. I don't mind the water, but my I think we get a little more than our share of mud sometimes. I cleaned the porches to-day, they had got so thick that it tracked so much in on the carpets - but it is a big job. The girl I had didn't stay very long- She went home two weeks ago to spend sunday and failed to come back- I telephoned to her and asked her when she was coming back, her mother answered she called and said she was not coming back. But I here from others that she has stayed here longer than she usually did in a place. She is rather notional. I have spoken to a girl or rather widow woman about working here this summer. If I can get her she is fine, they say. She is between 25 & 30 and has a little boy but her aunt told her she would take care of the little boy if she got a place in town to work. She did not give me any daffinite answer for there is sickness in the family where she is living now, and she did not know how long they would need her I suppose I'll get left though, for I understood the other day she said she wanted to work in a small family where she could have the little boy with her and would rather take less wages and do that way.

The doctor was called down to Bernadotte last evening and just as he got to the foot of the long hill just before you get to the town he noticed there was something the matter with Doppy, he touched her with the whip & she didn't respond. So he walked then along untill he got opposite the school house & he saw that she couldn't go any further, so he unhitched here and started to lead her across the street to a barn when she fell over against the fence & laid there straightened out and almost lifeless. He blanketed her and she laid there for 3 hrs before he, and some men who had kindly offered their services, could get her up. In the meantime he had to send back to Ipava for morfeine & some other things and another horse to bring him back home. He stayed down there with Denny untill 1 o'clock, then he left her in care of a Mr Johnson who makes it a business looking after horses for others. She is still down there, but was not able to come home to-day- though she is getting better all the time.

We have a new horse, Darny that the doctor bought over to Vermont last week. He is about the size & look quite a little like the gray horse we had when you was down here but is a dark brown the price is what seemed to be the only sticker $195.00 but he is 6 yrs old family broke and speedy besides so he has a great many good qualities, we haven't found any bad ones yet. He is a doctors horse, strong, with plenty of power of endurance. It is getting late I haven't said hardly any thing yet. Richard had a little sick spell & had to stay out of school yesterday but he is about well to-day he needed most a good physic, I think. He hates so to stay out of school for he & George Quillin keep just about together and he is so afraid that George will get ahead of him & George is the same way with Richard. Miss Coleman says it works fine makes them both work better. Edna is doing some water color painting in school. They had drawing last year & this year have painting She has two or three little pictures that look very well indeed Wade tends his pig and teases the other children and I guess what he learns in school, he learns because he can't help it Wade naturally learns quick but he doesn't take to any thing he has to work for- I hope he see things differently as he matures. Edwin puts in his time sawing with the saw I got for Wade last summer, pounding & driving nails. The kitchen is a sight to behold most of the time these cold days, and one would think to look in, it was a regular carpenter shop. Wades boot-jack has suffered, it is pine and easy to saw so it doesn't much more than hang to-gether now, Wade said he went to pull of his boots and it keep giving and creaked, so he investigated & found what the matter was. I had a long letter from Ina & Ina, so I will send it. I wrote to Lola & Lola had gone to Freeport so she has written this in answer to mine.

Now you sit down & write to her. I promise the time seems very long now that she can not do much of any thing, and an occasional letter from an old friend is like an oasis in a desert. I wish you would send me Myrtle Goodfellow's address I wrote once before for it but I guess you forgot it when you wrote. I promised to write to her but I didn't get it down soon after I got home, so I supposed she had changed her address by that time. I suppose you will know it. The doctor is sitting here reading waiting for me to get through, for he won't never go to bed untill I do. I often tell him to go on I will come in a few minutes, but he said when he married me he entered into a partnership with me and it would be fair consequently for him to marry the bed all alone and I see a cold wave is coming so for fear he might freeze I say good night love to all

Write soon from

Bell ((she usually put a final e on her name))

#168

Ipava, Ill.
Sept. 26, 1905

Dear Grandma:-

We are going to have a program at school in about two weeks. I have been going to school about four weeks this year. We have learned five or six songs this year all ready. There was a show here Tuesday. September the 26. the name of the company was
Lamant Brothers.

We went hacle mutting Saturday but we did not get many.

Please write very soon.

Your loving grand child.

Richard Steops

#169

Connesut March 6 1904

My Dear friend Chastina

Received your good letter last week was glad you wer in the land of the living after this cold winter. Josette Died the 29 of Jan.- we had been home seven months. she spent most of the time in Connesut was with Billia all the last months only with us A week. but we are so near each other we all had care of her, she was very cheerfull told stories just as her Mother used to she seemed perfectly resigned. she often said I shall soon be with Mother. she said one day to Billia Plin will help me acrost the river as Andrew Sagito has not got wrested yet from his long sickness. I started to write you A card the same time I did to Arthur Phild. Letta but my head was so tired could not that was the morning after her death and the day of funeral it was at Rollins sunday afternoon at three. then next morning was taken to Richmond none of us could go for it was so cold her Father was the only one of the family (Josettes) that was able to be here. Jay Marys boy went down with the Dr and they had A short service a st the house. and it was just A year ago that day that they laid Dear Andrew Sagito there. Hattie Roebe is on the way home so she will not know of her death untill she comes A very sad coming home for her. she is coming to put the girls in school at Readville. I suppose she expects to be here in time for the spring term. Letta went with her husband to Birmingham Alabama the middle of Dec.- was gone

two months I kept house with the boys they came back three weeks ago. and I was pretty glad to see them for after Josette death I was not at all well and am not now. my head troubles me so much. first I knew I am blind as dirt and taking medicine now so will be better soon I hope Philo had a spell of Agl-((can't decipher this)) was blind for several days is better now as was the last letter by Jasper Philes son in law is married again so he has some one to care for the little girl.

I suppose you hear the Andover news from Louise Ida Lean ((?)) is dead she caught fire when alone and was burned to death. the Fire at our Harbor was A large one not all covered by Insurance it burned the best part. Jerom Lirm and family are spending the winter in south Carline and after Josette death he wrote for Willie to come and stay with them for A while sent money and directions how to go so in one week after Josette was carried away she was on the road she had friend in Washington D C she had A day with them. and is having A fine time seeing the sights will be home the first of April.

I was not satisfied with my stay with you. and I hope to visit you again sometime if all is well am glad we could stop for I think of you now in your home wish you and Boothby could visit us this summer why not you have can come younger Letta and boys are well Giles is taller than his Father Arthur is now with A calgary company in Arizona. They are working for Uncle Sam A party of them from Washington D C young edicated men so I feel he has A good place. they travel horse back out doors all the time Sleep in tents he is very well so I have so much to be thankfull for. but Oh I am so lonly without Christed my head will hardly let me write but was glad to be able to. will close we all send love to you all write when you can from your old friend

Nelia A Baker.

#170

Picture postcard post marked Sept 4, 1904

Scene isof Festival Hall and Cascades. World's Fair, 1904, StLouis,Mo.

Dear Papa & folks at home- Arrived at 5, have nice place to stay think St Louis fine Wish you was all here Wade is with us. Will be here 1 week. Tell Don to come now.

Bell

171

Picture post card post marked Jan 7 1907

Scene is of View on Main Street,Needham,Mass.

Jan 7,1907. Dear Bell
Your good long letter rec'd- all well, Long for a visit again with you. Love to all. Anna (Sister in [illegible] of Nelia Blaney on #172)

172

Warren 1/16 1908

Dear Friend:-

I was so glad to receive your letter and feel that I have neglected you in not answering it before this but the fact is that the afternoon I set aside for answering it (by the way it was just one week ago to day) I could not settle my mind down to writing it as I had to make me feel so sad that I just

said I will have to wait untill another day & so it has been a week I know you are anxious to know all the particulars of Mothers death & etc.

The Sat. following Thanksgiving day Mother went to Galena to visit Dena & Dillon as they were stationed there for a mo. or so, D- doing light house keeping & fixed real comfortable Mother being quite well for her we all thought it would be a nice change for her there So the first week there, she went out twice with T - & then she got a cold & of course every such thing when one gets along in years together with a poor heart proved to be very weakening. She had a cough, no appetite and no vain just complaining of her weakness She took Hollins Food but only as medicine. The doctor had not been for we as Mother had here to fore been so much worse and Mother did not want to send for him untill it necessary. So when the end came so suddenly D- was all alone when only a few ended all. Although this was just the way Mother was always wanted to go it is hard to think I could not been there or else had her home. Of course I have known for two years or more that she was more liable drop dead from heart failure than any other way & many many times all sorrow if I did not hear her the first thing in the A.M. I would think what might have happened during the night.

There is a Dr.Smith in the same building in Galena where D- & Dillon are but Dr. was out on an Obstetric case so Dillon had to go for another. Dr.Godfray He was to late. I felt so sorry for D- to be alone. She has been very nervous & not at all well I kept her here about 10 days then she felt she must go back to Galena for a while & look after some things & then she would come back here for a while before the return to Healdsburg, their house in D- is just fixt up & all ready to go into as she rented you might say furnished rooms.

Fred ((Fred Grabner, her son by her first husband)) went back to school on Sat. & Dena & Dillon went away leaving Geo & I all alone & I have been pretty lonely during the day although I have had plenty to do there seems to be nothing that quite takes the place of those that are gone. During the winter months George is home evenings so I am glad of that.

Thanksgiving Mother was with us. Dillon & Dena could not get away to come spend that day with us so I said we will either Xmas or New Years eve will all have our dinner together here & Mother can come back with D & E But such was not to be it seems & we all must make the best of it.

We would all have been very glad to have had you with us in person but as that could not be I am glad to know your mind & good will was with us. Now I send you the text preached by Elder Lambert of Healdsburg a Minister of the M.E. Church who Mother has known & liked so much for the past four years Every one says was the finest sermon they ever heard. He stayed with us untill the next day & we had a good visit. Yes & he is the one who married Geo & I.

For the past few years Mother has repeatedly told me that you & ((seems to be an omission here)) told her she could be buried on your lot That that was the agreement so we followed her direction and as we do not know the condition I write you particularly to know whether she ever paid you for resting place. If not we want to know your price & etc so that as soon as Dillon can get to Healdsburg & get her papers we can settle up all things as they should be.

Dena & I have wish that we know just what you would like of Mothers I would like to send you something that you could make use of & I have something in my mind but will wait untill E comes again, of course nearly every thing is at Healdsburg but what she had taken with her to Uncle John's she brought on here.

Seems that the last three of the Van Hess family went very near together Uncle John in Aug. Aunt Ellen in Oct. & Mother in Dec. Aunt Ell's death was hard on Mother although she did not talk about it near so much as I expected

I remember she said "Well I never thought Bill would go before I."

Now it is eleven oclock & I must get dinner & have this finished to send to office and hope I have answered your questions & written enough more to make up for loss time I only wish I could have you where as Ben says "I could talk an arm off" I wonder whose would come off first.

Say but I had such a good time to Bill's last Fall How we used to wish for Mother & you to be with us. Come out & see us, if you can't all come at once, come one at a time.

With love & best wishes from us both

L.E.Stickney ((Lola))

#173

Chicago April 21st 1910

Dear Daughter

I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know how we are getting along we are all well except my self I believe mother wrote you about me the last time she wrote you well I hope I never will be obliged to go through what I have all on act of tobacco use your influence to keep your boys and anyone also you can have influence over from using tobacco it may be a great delight to use it but it is sure to come back in its way ((?)) some day with 5 fold consequences I was taken all at once could hardly breath went for a doctor he pronounced it cardiac asthma and in a day or two had another spell it was very difficult to breath in both cases he said use no more tobacco I quit I think about 6 weeks ago and shall smoke no more I miss the stimulant very much he gave me medicine that relieved my breathing but the trouble was I could not sleep a number of night I laid awake from bed time until morning without sleeping a wink but I am now getting so I can sleep nearly all night my weight went from my usual weight 150 to 154 to 155 depending how good a nights sleep a bad nights rest would cut my weight down to 154 and a good night would bring me up to 155 to 156 I weigh 155 today then to cap all my rupture came down and it took the Dr 3 hours to get it back which was very painfull but now I am I think improving slowly except my head feels the hollow gone feeling showing the want of the stimulus or want of tobacco I am now trying to help my digestive apparatus so help my weight if Dr. can suggest something that will help me, whould be glad to hear from him. Mother received Wades picture and was very much please to receive them she has been very busy and will answer soon as she can We are papering the house over now

N Bootiby

((he died Jan.11,1911))

#174

Picture post card from Victoria Park, Belleville,Canada

8/18/10

Dear friends:

We are having a grand trip and on the go all the time either sight seeing or visiting. Called upon your folks found them better than I expected and they were pleased to see us. Your Father walked.

((no name signed))

The

533 St.Paul Ave.Los Angeles,Cal. Mar.1 1911

My Dear Miss [illegible]

Your dear letter, telling me so many things that were of deep interest to me, concerning the last days of illness, the death, and funeral of my dearest brother came promptly.

Can you pardon my delay in answering it? I know you would if you could see all I have been occupied with and how difficult it is for me to write a letter on account of my dimmed eyesight. I have had three boarders until last Monday two of them, ladies from Riverside Illinois, went to San Diego. One of them returns to Riverside Illinois. tomorrow. I work beyond my endurance and when 6 o'clock dinner is over am so weary to wield the pen One scholarly gentleman of sixty three is yet boarding but my work is much less arduous hereafter I dont believe I can be induced to ever take any one else for table board. Only our debts ever prompted me to. So much for excuses.

I thank you, Bell, for your kind letter. I deeply sympathize with you in the loss of a father I know all about it. I too am afflicted in the loss of a dear brother I have always cherished high esteem and love for Emmanuel. He has been a kind brother to me and one to be proud of for his manly qualities, business success and usefulness as a citizen I regret deeply and always shall that he could not accept Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. But we leave him in the hands of a merciful God, who doeth all things well We can not wish him back. His last days and weeks and months of suffering reconcile us to his being freed. He said to me last Jul. "Why couldn't it have been me instead of Henry to be taken" "I often feel at night I dont care to wake up another morning" God's ways are not our ways. But "I will comfort you as one whom his Mother comforteth" I have just reread your good letter and will answer some of the questions.

Bert Toothby and wife were over to spend the evening with ((us is omitted)) a few weeks since. I read your letter to him It brot to mind afresh the loss of his father. Mrs.Bert's father died recently. He came with Bert's wife to sister Mary's funeral. He was a nice man.

Bessie May is teaching in Detroit this year. Her betrothed lives there. Josephine May Williams lives here. in Los Angeles. and was here and helped care for or rather comfort Mary in her fatal illness. Her husband is a highly cultivated musician as well as herself. He plays both violin and cornet Is a professional in Grand Opera and elsewhere. I think him an exceptionally fine man. They have a lovely home and his parents come on from Chicago a few weeks since. I telephoned Josephine for her mothers address this A.M. She said she was about changing her address and was awaiting a letter giving another. Said she was going back to South Bend where she was last year. She has been in Chicago the past year.

I am enclosing for you a copy of "In Memoriam" It is in a somewhat crude shape. Mrs.A sent me last month several copies of the same and four copies of the same print, no words combined with a life like portrait of two other Chicago Principals who died last year written by other committees from the Principal's Association and resubscribed by "Ella Flagg Young" It of Mary in better form.

Dear Emma is so brave and true to her household. She has boarders and roomers this winter A quite new experience for her surely as she has been so thoroughly cared for She wrote me that the Teachers and Alumni of John Bury had had prepared a fine portrait of Henry for the halls of the Assembly Hall of John Bury School The picture was unveiled by little Lirian at appropriate exercises Feb.14th. Mr.McCormick's stenographer was present and will produce a record in similar style to the record of the funeral exercises which McCormick had bound in Russia ((?)) and sent Emma four copies I have one.

Mary had purchased a lot and built her a home under the building and loan association in Anaheim about 25 miles from L.A. It was well rented and she came to us in Sept. of 1909. We have a couple months or more and she rented us all up. Then she took a notion to put an adv. in the daily to do plain sewing. It resulted in her getting into a family the nurse for continually. They have three children and the father said to his wife "For keep Mrs.Silsby as long as she will stay" The children were most fond of her but she of them. They called her "Mady" She was taken sick there. Josephene went Dec.23 to take her a Christmas present and found her sick telephoned us and next day Mr.Willson went over with the horse and carriage as Josephene asked and brought her here Dec 24 She was able to walk up the stairs with our help. She faded right away came out in the kitchen where it was warmer and visited Christmas morning. That was the last time she left the room. She became unconscious Monday about 4 P.M. and passed away without recovering Wed 1-30 P.M. Dec.28 73 years old. Was buried in beautiful Rosedale cemetery the last day of the year Sat. morning Dec.31. I miss her very much She was fearless more to me than anyone else as we had been together for the past 8 or ten years much of the time. Write again Love to your family

Your loving Aunt Elizabeth

#176

639 St.Paul Ave. Los Angeles,Cal.
Feb.23 1912

My Dear Sister Chestina ((sister-in-law))

Your Holiday Post Card came duly to hand and made us glad. I meant to answer right away but so many duties press that nearly two months have passed. Joseph said at the table this morn. "I wish you would write your first letter to Chestina" And I will. We were both very tired with our Friday's sweeping and cleaning and lay down to rest. The wind is blowing violently to-day. I think that N.Y. City gale has reached us. Joseph soon got up to pad the door so that it would not rattle and keep us awake. Then lay down again. Down there was a crashing noise and he was up again to see the whole west end of our next neighbor's tennis court high board fence lying flat on the cement floor of the tennis court. He lay down again and we heard a big racket that roused him A zinc tub, or galvanized tub that stood out by the alley for garbage blew across the cement walk & across the yard down on to the next lot which is three feet below ours and vacant. The next disturbance the door bell rang and Mary and the baby and a lady scooter with her came They had gone down town before the wind arose and stopped They live 3 miles away. Then I had to get up and we had a nice visit for an hour

Daughter Mary's baby girl was born Aug.30, while Mr.Willson was last. The elder three are boys. She named the girl Alice after her sister Alice. Mary is a very nice woman and I take solid comfort with her

Josephene May Williers gave birth to a son Sept.30 just a month later She named him Earnest John. The name of her husband. I haven't seen it once,though we went over again a month later and no one seemed to be at home. They are also 3 or 4 miles away in another direction Bessie May was married to a Mr.Reed of Detroit last summer She had been teaching in Detroit but has known him for years. I hear from Emma every week. She has had a severe time keeping fires this cold winter. Miriam has had the whooping cough but is about over it and has had it light In her letter to-day Emma said Eleanor had been ailing for three days, looked miserable a colored friend had been nursing her. She did not know but E. was going to have the Whooping Cough.

I had a card from Cousin Jennie this month. She was real well. Weather heat is nearly this winter I hear from Hi frequently. Milly has had a siege of the Quinsy this winter before Holidays. She has not written May wrote Le about

Christmas time that she was coming to Cal. but we have not seen her yet. Mr. Willson's son Walter has been quite afflicted this winter. Soon after the Middle of Jan. his second daughter Charlotte was taken with Typhoid fever. She has been very sick, is now able to sit up a short time. She had a very high temperature Had 12 hemorrhages. They have had a trained nurse two weeks. About six weeks ago her father, Walter came down with the same disease and has been very sick, No complications however and he has begun to mend. Gladys & May have stayed away from home.

Our granddaughter Amy who nursed Charlotte the first two weeks has also had the Typhoid but not so serious. Is able to be about now. Last Monday I went to San Bernadino to visit my niece Nellie Tibbits Beck and the Orange Show held there this from 19 to 24 inclusive. I had an exceptionally fine time visited Orange Show with Mr & Mrs Beck Mon evening. It is a great affair. Wish I could write you the number of thousands of oranges, lemons, grape fruit and Tangerenes used in making the designs. The High School had arranged a miniature "Panama Canal" The land part was made of oranges. The Atlantic & Pacific oceans were represented by water with miniature ships. Light houses on either side. The canal and locks were well represented. Different counties had different designs. One a Dutch wind Mill the base all of oranges the wind mill running. Another the World covered with Oranges. The Santa Fe had a miniature road bed all oranges and on it a track and train of cars fitted out complete as to Engine, Caboose, tender & fruit car. Between the ties was filled with oranges. A mineature set of train hands. I liked that the best.

There were thousands of boxes of fruit bordering the immense tent. It looked so perfect and nice arranged for prizes. I never saw such lovely Citrus fruit. One man had transplanted a grape fruit tree into a large tub which held perhaps a hundred fine specimens still. He said eleven fell off bringing it. Out at outside they had a "Midway".

Tuesday Nellie and I went again and Wednesday we went to "Arrow Head Spring" seven miles away and spent four hours. Home by 2 P.M. I started home 3-50 P.M. arrived at 6-5 took the car to 669 got supper and went to our prayer meeting in the evening. It was a good one as they all are I dont like to miss one. There were 300 or more there.

Gipsy Smith has been holding revival services from Jan 27 to Feb. 12. Over a thousand professed conversion. We attended every night. Joseph sang in the chorus of 300 and I was a personal worker - over 600 of them. The Shrine Auditorium where they were held seats 6000. There is a great spiritual awakening. I do wish people could know how blessed it is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. How many are coming and going. How few there are entering in. How few heed the call "Come unto me all ye ends of the earth" and be saved". Wont submit the will to be governed by Eternal love. Some one said They wont change service Wont turn from self service and self will and yield to God.

We have had two months of rare June days, no rains but we need them so much. Mr. Willson has his garden planted but has to water it. We have carrots Ripe tomatoes and beets from last years planting
A great variety of fruits and vegetables in open show all winter at the grocers Yesterday 22nd the Iowans held their picnic at East Lake Park. It was estimated that there were 50 000 there. Our W.R.C. served lunch and took in $300 plus will probably have $150 net. Some 50 ladies and may ((?)) comrades served. I was one. I have had a strenuous week. We are going out to G.A.R. supper soon. It is 5 P.M. In the evening to a Bible School.

Share this please with Benj. I love you both. Please pardon my delay and write soon both of you. Mr. Willson unites in love to both

Your loving Sister
Elizabeth

Canton, Nebraska
March 25, 1912.

Dear Friend Belle;- Yesterday a letter was begun to you, but not finished. Saturday the news of your mother's death reached me, and I resolved not to put off writing you as I did when your father went away.

I mourn with you. Your parents were dear to me, and as long as memory stays with me I shall not forget them.

Your mother, when I last saw her, seemed no older than sixty. Almost my first thought was that she went before her time; but the obituary shows that she was nearly seventy-eight. That is a longer life than many of the people of this generation can reasonably expect to live.

But no matter how many birthdays have come and gone, we are never willing that death shall enter the family. We would keep it away yet longer.

Though my father's writing shows a steady hand, he writes less often than he used to; and I've wondered lately if some infirmity is felt that he doesn't speak of. Grandma Parlyn was in her 92nd year when she died, and Grandma in his 90th; but some way I do not expect father to become very old. At any time word may come that he has gone; yet I shall not be prepared for it. No one is prepared, I think.

From what the Sentinel said, your mother must have gone as Aunt Thma did. I am hoping to learn that she suffered little.

Four years ago, while in Wisconsin, I came near visiting you for a day or two - poor R.R. connections hindered. It was a hurry up visit in every way. A few days notice is all I had before starting East. But I shall always be glad that I went that summer, for I was privileged to see five people at that time that I shall not meet again on earth.

Uncle Willis was then in his right mind, and Belle and Ollie still at home. For those reasons, also, I am glad of the visit being made just then.

The next time, I mean not to hurry either in going or returning. I want to feel no regrets upon reaching home again. Much as I've always wanted to see Fred Grabner I've not had the opportunity. He must be about twenty-five years old.

March thirteenth my school was closed until roads became better. It will probably re-open in another week as snow is now going fast. The vacation is giving me time to catch up with letters to some extent. And the week began with Thma and family. Her four children expect me to write to them separately. The youngest child, who entered Kindergarten in September, sends drawings, marks for kisses, and his written name and expects as long a letter as any of them.

Ralph and Paul have, each, two children. And if they are exacting as they grow older it looks very much as if I'd need a typewriting machine.

Separation from the nieces and nephews is one of the most trying things homesteading imposes. Could the children stay little twice as long it would be different.

Before closing I want to say that it is a pleasure to remember you and Ben;

as much so as to remember the members of the family who have passed away. Aunt Hannah Toot has her place in my memory, too; one little circumstance fixed itself in my mind that I often think of. She and I had got into bed one night in winter, and you were about ready for bed, when she said, "Nelly, you want to be sure to tuck yourselves in well or you'll get cold". You laughed, tucked her in good and snug, and asked if she wasn't speaking two words for herself and one for you.

I see her yet with a lace cap on her head and knitting in hand.

Once, when speaking of her as "Aunt Hannah" Ben said plainly that she wasn't my aunt. It wasn't satisfying to keep saying she was and he that she wasn't, so I went up stairs to have your mother settle it. When she said "Great, great aunt" I was comforted, but he said as tantalizing as ever, "I said she wasn't your aunt".

Your mother gave me a picture of Great-grandmother Riley, and I think it looks very much like Aunt Hannah. I propose they lie near each other not far from where they were born.

Though grief comes, and each and all must pass to mourn, there's a measure of happiness to run through all lives and bless them. May you and yours be blessed.

Much as I would like to receive a letter from you, I can scarcely expect one for I can imagine that your time is more than taken up. But some of these days when a postal is at hand, fill it full and send it on - that will satisfy.

From your friend,

((The handwriting is a boy, so legible)) Martha Parigyn

#178

Conneaut Dec.6 1912 ((should be 26, for it was mailed 27th))

My Dearest friends Daughter
Mrs P H Steeps

It seems very strang to have the holyday season pass and not rec- any word from your dear mother, was looking in my scrap book and found your Adress so thought would write A few lines to you knowing we always think of the loved ones gone at this time of the year, knowing A few words from their friends hear will help to heal the wounds. I take the liberty to write to you. I visited your Mother nearly two years ago we enjoyed being together so much when I left her home I realised possibly we should never see each other again in this world but did not expect she or I would be called so soon so it was our last good bye I wrote to your brother Ben and he answered and that is the last I have heard from any of you I met your son Wade he was such A nice boy

Lettas oldest son was Married A year ago yesterday and they have A young daughter Leta June five weeks old so I am great grandmother I thought how your Mother would have Laughf for we laughf at most every thing. we did not want to grow old and never have any fun Lettas youngest is at home this is his last year in high school he is A great Foot ball player best in the county has one silver and two gold medals he gave the silver one to his brother Theo for watch fob. the first gold one to his Mother for A pin Mamma

your Mother showed me so many quilts that your Grandmother pieced for her I know you will prize so much. quilts are being used now, so much on the outside of beds. well I will not weary you with it long A letter will close by wishing you and ores A happy New Year from all of us and lots of love from your Mother and friend

Delia Smith Adress Mrs C W Baker -171 Mill St.,Conneaut,Ohio

Feb.23/15 ((Envelope posted from Lincoln Nebr.))

Dear Bello & family

I received your letter & glad to hear from you & hope you are feeling well by this time I have a cold in my throat bronchitis & I cant get rid of it tickling in my throat which makes me cough & Oh I do get so lonesome wish I could see you it is not very pleasant here for me if I could see you I could tell you so much you would hardly believe Albert is a very dishonest man in July after he he died I let him have some money to put out on interest with real estate security he said it would be a good loan at six percent interest saying it would take some time to get the mortgage well I thought him honest & every thing would be all right & now what do you think he done he took the money for himself wrote a note with his name signed to it no security & I have never received a cent of interest from it now almost three years when I say anything to him about it he gets mad calls me everything & the last time cursed me well now I was never used like that & I cant stand it theycharge for my board when I had given her a lotte I owed on house here the main street in the city he sold it & put the money in his pocket instead of putting it in her name they urged me to come & live with them & now charge me for board & keep the money they got it is twenty one hundred dollars I had thought my interest on that & my other money with pension I would have enough to use & not use much of the principal & of course when I was through they would have it but I think they have all they will ever get Dora is one of the kind that she does just as he says afraid to cross him & he has had his own way so long they do not try to make it pleasant for me now today it is just 21 years today that Mr Canfield was buried & of course I felt lonely well right after dinner they went away I did not know they were going until some time after they were gone the girls were away also & I left Elmer well they never came back until almost nine o'clock this evening I dont know where they went & I have not seen them now Dora could have told me they were going out I would have felt better I would not treat anybody that way much less my mother & I know you would not either my friends here tell me I must put his note in a collectors hands & so does Nit & her husband & if he dont pay up expose him he wants people to think he is well off & makeing big showing if I do that there will be a big racket here so you see how I am fixed now I must stop for to night

March 2nd

Well Bell it has been a week since I began this letter & it not finished yet well it has snowed so much & been so cold I have been shut up all the time & things are going just as they were I could not get out to do anything This is Sunday & it is warmer well they all went away today & left me alone you know he went go anywhere if I go along they seldom ask me to go riding in auto with them so you see I am very lonely I hardly know what to do one of my friends tell me if I dont get away from here they will be the means of my death & I guess so too well now you dont want to hear my troubles but I must tell them to some one well now the caps wear them in morning when your hair is not curled up so many wear them here I wear one every morning tell your husband I know he likes red & I think my little booklet very nice & thank you very much I think it nice you could have a dropsmade of some of the good that was left did she ever wear that pretty house dress you gave her for Christmas when I was there what a noble woman she was she had her likes & dislikes & they were permanent well that was all right I had such a good visit with her & Don & remember me to Don when you write him I appreciated it so much he took such an interest in me & I dont have any one to pay any attention to me now any more now Bell when you answer this if there is anything you want to say to me write it on a sheet by itself that is the way my friends do Maybe this will find you all well & happy what a sudden death Johny Gregg was I pity his dear though she has the comfort well answer when you can I enjoyed your letter so much Yours with love to all

Mrs Marie((?))Canfield McCrillis

#150

Rushville Ill Aug 31 1915

My Dear Mrs.Stupps

Our Chapter decided they could not have Mrs Scott at this time but might be able to at some future time, we still have some work in sight I was a way for six week but they have not missed a meeting and have had work every night but one

hope you will pardon me for not writing you sooner

((No name signed but envelope has return address, Mrs.C.L.Schitt, Rushville,Ill. Mother Stoops was a big worker for Eastern Star))

#151

Clarkston March 8 -14 ((Washington))

Mrs Nell Stoops
Ipava. Ill.

Dear Neice

You will likely be surprised to hear from me as we have never corresponded, if I remember wrightly I have not seen you since you were a little Girl when at Warren in the fall of 64 after I came out of the Army I wrote to your Father & Mother twice since I came back but they were returned to me. I had forgotten there address. I learned of their deaths through Lettie Peter. She also sent me yours & Hens address. Have you your Fathers Bible containing the Record of our Family "My Fathers family".

Will you please copy the Record and have it Certified too by a Notary. this would be necessary for the use I have for it. Hoping this finds you & Family well as it leaves us the same. with many thanks for your trouble will say good by Lovingly

Uncle Thomas J.Root

#152

Los Angeles,Cal. Feb 26th 1915

My Dear Mrs Belle Stups & family

Well I wonder how you all are I have not herd from you for so long a time & just think of tearing or burning up the letter you had written me just because it was stale to you when it would all have been news to me My I never knew whether you could wear that house dress I gave you or how your husband like it or any thing about it now just think what a terrible calamity that was Well now Belle I have some news for you if you have not already heard it Drama Eva ((?)) has a boy, Born Feb.15th almost a valentine. I received an announcement card but have not heard the particulars Dora has been ther since Feb. 20th I came here Jan 13th or I left Lincoln on that date arrived here the 16th I have spent two weeks at the Baltimore hotel in Los Angeles with my Brother in law Mr Cath husband he was very nice to me came up to Santa Barbara & took me down there with him had a nice room with private bath I tell you I enjoyed it so much he went out to the Evergreen Cemetery where the girls are both buried they have a lovely lotte a corner & a very large lotte room enough for two others Jim had a lotte near where his first wife & boy were buried so he will be buried there also

it is a lovely corner a large palm on corner & rose bushes all a round I tell you this been so I know you know Cath as well & she took me to the Opera of course he was a very quite a little attending to his business - I am now at my sisters they have a nice little bungalow & every thing is so nice now just like summer as every thing is so green flowers every where all kinds & colors This is a delightful place to live I dont mean Santa Barbara but the country but you want a little fire nights & morning it is cool so much dew & quite a little fogg that's why every thing grows so fast & large here & looks so fresh I like Los Angeles better than here this is an old dead town every thing is very high here more so than Los Angeles while in Los Angeles I was to the cottage where Cath died her dresses & some of her things were there & I counted five pictures hanging on the wall that I had painted & given to the girls he had packed a few things & rented the house with the rest in Belle I wish you were here to go around with me it never goes out & of course I dont go alone to see places so I am not having a very good time here I am sorry to say Are you people coming to San Francisco to Exposition I will go down to Los Angeles some time afterwards there is quite a good many there I know I will get me a room, I dont think they really want me here. Why Belle you gave me such a welcome at your house & I think it spoiled me I will never forget your kindness to me when I was at your house I now have a very hard cold in my head Well my hand is so I can bend ((?)) my third & fourth finger to touch the palm & the third very near & my hand is getting stronger is Tina in Chicago what doing & how is Nan getting along & your eldest Boy I suppose the other two are young men at home. Well we here & I were glad to met the Dr cousin & his wife & we all thought at one time you were coming to pay us a visit last fall but we did not see you now you come but come when I am here I dont know how long I will stay my ticket is good for 9 months but I want stay that long. Do you know any one here or in Los Angeles you wish me to call on if I had some one to go around with me I would be better contented & enjoy it more do you know of anyone coming this way who wants a partner or company just send them & let me know & I will met them Well I guess I will close with love to you all

Your Friend & aunt

Mrs.McGillis

P.S. Perry ((?)) is home with them now

313 W. Micheltorena Street
Santa Barbara, Calif.

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Andover, Ohio
June 11th 1915

My dear Nell

Expect you have stopped looking for an answer to your letter, it was kind of you to write, also received the paper.

The Undertaker telegraphed Marcia at Boston, and the message was sent here- sorry we were not in a possition to have the body brought here, but it was impossible and Marcia wired, to notify the G.A.R. They looked after every thing and the head man wrote all particulars of funeral. Paul Barrow was in Denver and made inquiries but all he could learn, was Da had left the place where he had lived a couple of years, got angry at the people and died in a lodging house.

Marcia and Da are here, we have the whole house now and it does seem good, wish you could come and see us, wouldent you like to see Andover? and we would love to see both you and your husband.

Marcia may have to return to Boston this fall she has her parlors, two good girls

working and a friend looking after things. She is doing a little work here, sold some hair and does some work, would not be surprised if she was quite busy this summer, so many tourists are here for the banks during July & Aug.

We met with an accident a short time ago, that with my long hours in the P.O. does not give me much time to write or do much of any thing, but we think and speak of you often. not many of the old people left here, Aunt Mary Morley died this past winter and Cor Root has not been expected to live for months, after all the way your Mother and my Father went, was much the easiest for them.

Would love to hear from you when every you have time to write, surely there are not many of the Root family left.

We all send love and very best wishes to you and yours. thank you once more for letting me know about Pa.

Your loving Cousin Nettie Reiar ((Daughter of Reuben))
Andover Ohio

((The accident was that both Nettie and Ursula were al ost asphyxiated in their bathroom on May 2nd from partially burned gas from a pipeless gas stove))

#104

Clarkston,Washington Oct.15. 22

Dear Neice

I pray you will pardon my seeming negligence but it has seemed so hard to get to it. I thank you for your very kind letter it seemed so sisterly it cheered me so much to feel you were interested in me. I have had such a lonely time. loving friends cannot take the place of your own. but "God has been so good to me. I was so pleased you received my letter. Uncle thought so much of you, you were his favorite & he had meant we should go East he was so desirous of my meeting you.

You wished me to tell you something of myself. Yes Uncle was most 20 years older than I but I always felt people would think I was the oldest, Uncle was so youthful looking light complection, his hair so brown & wavy, no one could believe he was over 50. when we were married the minister looked at me to see if Uncle was telling him wright & smiled & said I didnot believe man was any more apt to say they were older than women were. we were living in Saginaw City & Papa wanted a farm so he went touring the country & met with Uncle, which resulted in Papa buying a farm of Uncle, our farms joining & living as neighbors over 50 yrs. Was being an invalid with Rheumatism for yrs I gave my life for her " not marrying two yrs after she died Mr Root wanted me to come West. I visited with Lone before coming, one day she says Elizabeth do you know how old Papa is? I said no I hadnot thought about it because of his youthful look, I asked her how old he was she said 60. I was 40. Oh I said that is not much. had he looked like most men of his age. I should have been apt to consider, she was anxious for me to marry him. but was afraid their might be to much difference

Uncle was so very Temporate & always looked as though he came out of a Band Box as the saying is or I should not have married him. Regarding the children,yes Lone's husband married again, but they soon parted Lone is in Seattle, Gertrude is in Mt.Pleasant,Michigan our old home. Bessie, Coeur-de-Lane,Idaho. Clint died the fall before his father. In leaving out some things I would otherwise wright of My brother in the East, his wife has died, he & I are the only ones left alone. we always shared it in school & until some one else shared it with him. He wants me to come back East & we make our home to gether. he is two yrs older

than I is a R.Road man that is not to travel on the cars but is layed Agent. has been since he was 16 yrs of age.of course I didn't want to go & leave my property behind me to go to wreck, which it naturally would. I succeeded in selling it last week & got my Price cash down. he wrote me he would come with his car & I go back with him, but am afraid its to late now. the bad weather may overtake us before I can go. which will not be before next month sometime if nothing happens I will stop & see you on my way back East. Will let you know if you answer soon & let me know how to reach you. I hesitate somewhat on going East on account of the long winters we have such mild ones here we enjoyed gardening the middle & last of Feb. I think I have written all for this time as I said I can tell you all verbally. hoping to see you soon, lovingly

Auntie ((think she must be the widow of Thomas Jefferson Root, his second wife))

#135

Clarkston,Wn. Nov 8, 22

Dear Neice.

In answer to your very kind letter, am sorry to disappoint you but will not be able to consumate my plans. will have to defer them untill later. our State Senator is working to get me a Pension which would mean $30 per month. which I think is worth waiting for as it is considered an assured thing. other business causing delay will postpone my going untill some future time. I hope very soon.

Am somewhat reluctant in regard to going back East to remain. I have been West so long, have become so tender am fearful about enjoying the Eastern winters. and the recent storms in Wyoming though of course are not so bad further X East. makes me dread them all the more. to have a lovely climate here & such beautiful sunsets. do not think Northern Italy or Switzerland can surpass us. & by reports from people passing too & fro they find more activities in this part of the west. We have had one of the most beautiful falls, but indications are we are liable to have snow most any time especially now as it looks we might find Mother Earth decked in her carpet of white in exchange for her green one. I presume the anxiety of Election is about over. I was so busy sewing I forgot to register consequently lost my vote. Clarkston is Republican Lewiston Democratic. rather amusing to us. as they are only separated by the River. Clarkston is dry Lewiston is wett, rather easy to account for it. Clarkston is more a residential City not much business while Lewiston is a business City we have no Rail Road but prospects are bright for one in the near future. we have street car service. As I am not going east at present as I had meant to tell you last February I broke my arm & fractured my shoulder, in August before I fell I broke my rist, which accounts for part of my delay in not writing to you before- the Dr was lovely so I got along fine

I sincerely hope I may not be asking to much of you if I ask you to write when its convenient for you. your letters have a comforting ring to them that cheers me so much. I believe you are as Uncle said you were. I would love to write interesting letters to you, but I was always a poor letter writer, poor in composition. I had to dot it down just as it came to me, but will promise to do my best

lovingly Auntie

Mrs.Elizabeth Root
Box 541 6th street
Clarkston,Wash.

O. R. Barnes
Attorney-at-Law
Jefferson, Ohio

Telephone 173

March 8, 1934

Mr. Carl D. Singer,
807-8 Williamson Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:- In re heirs of Collins Root. ((Reuben Collins Root))

I have looked over the abstract which you sent, and the correspondence, and am of the opinion that there is nothing in the claim of our client.

As I understand it, our client is Mrs. Bell Boothby Stoops, a daughter of Hannah C. Boothby and a grand-daughter of Reuben C. Root, or Collins Root as he is referred to in the correspondence. She claims that two of the heirs of Collins Root did not sign the deed and assumes that she is entitled to a share of what belonged to those two heirs.

The abstract shows that Reuben C. Root (Collins Root) died leaving a widow and eight children, about the year 1865. It appears that two of those children, Albertie D. Root and Francis V. Root did not sign a deed of the farm, but the reason they did not sign was that they were dead before the farm was deeded. It appears from the correspondence and the abstract that both of those heirs died, having never married, and their brothers and sisters would therefore be their heirs, and each of the remaining six heirs would be owner of an undivided one-sixth interest. Three of these heirs conveyed their one-sixth interests by warranty deed; Hannah C. Boothby, Levi Lewinski Root and Thomas J. Root. Reuben L. Root's interest was sold by the sheriff and conveyed to Nathaniel Boothby in satisfaction of a judgment. Wallace D. Root died and his one-sixth interest was deeded by his administrator.

Lola A. Root Birch died, leaving her two children Freddie E. Birch and Eugene W. Birch her heirs. Their one-sixth interest was conveyed by their trustee. The entire interest in the farm was therefore been fully conveyed.

Mrs. Stoop's mother and her husband, Nathaniel Boothby, conveyed an undivided one-half interest; being the share of Mrs. Boothby and two shares which her husband had purchased from other heirs; by warranty deed to E. W. Morley, July 4, 1882. Mrs. Stoops certainly can not get around that deed; and so far as I can see, the other half interest has been fully conveyed. There might be an outstanding dower interest in the widow of Reuben L. Root, as his interest was taken from him and sold by the sheriff in a proceeding in which the wife was not a party; but if there is such an interest in said widow, it would be of no benefit to out client, as Reuben L. Root's interest was a one-sixth interest which was included in the warranty deed of Mrs. Stoops father and mother.

Unless you can offer some suggestion making it worth while to look further into this matter, I will return the documents which you sent me.

Very truly yours,

O. R. Barnes

Carl F.Ainger
Attorney-at-Law
307-8 Williamson Bldg.
Cleveland

June 9,1924

Atherton & Radcliff,
Lewiston, Ill.

Gentlemen: Re: Collins Root,Deceased

I have your esteemed favor of June 6th and am inclined to think the millennium is approaching as this makes the third time in the past few weeks that I have discovered unusually honest people and am pleased to include Mrs.Stoops as one of the three.

Please convey to her my appreciation and assurance that I will spend the $5.00 in some way that will remind me of her when in use.

Very truly yours,

C.F.Ainger,Atty.

By M.MacDowell

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((In the fall of 1923, when Mother Stoops was visiting in Chicago, she, her brother Ben Nesbitt, and I went to Evanston to see Aunt Louise Root, and her two daughters, Nettie and Marcia. The daughters were operating a beauty shop near there. Nettie told us that some legal notice concerning the descendants of Collins Root was in the Andover paper. Mother Stoops did not understand what it was all about,and that she had no claim to any money for Root land, but Nettie urged her to write, as she evidently did. This is the answer))

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS CONCERNING

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

in:

Ashtabula County, Ohio
Andover, Ohio
Burghill, Ohio
Hartford, Ohio
Kinsman, Ohio
Warren, Ohio
Warren, Illinois

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The [illegible] is [illegible] Salt [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] years ago. The [illegible] was [illegible] and [illegible] a [illegible] the members [illegible] what [illegible] they enjoyed [illegible] Lake Shore [illegible]. The [illegible] Carpenter [illegible] here was the [illegible] of the [illegible] J. H. [illegible] of West Andover.

[illegible] Carpenter, [illegible] was [illegible] no [illegible] the [illegible]; [illegible] in the [illegible] her visits to the cabin of [illegible], that he might gaze, [illegible], upon the [illegible] of his [illegible] Remsen. The outcome of these [illegible] tete-a-tete [illegible] that one Sunday morning in September, 18[illegible], the [illegible] pastor, before he began his sermon, proclaimed in a loud voice to Andover and all the inhabitants thereof, [illegible] had been [illegible] over the [illegible] at the [illegible] homestead. This was done as a matter of economy, [illegible] were [illegible] and money [illegible]. The wedding [illegible] no [illegible]; there [illegible] to the [illegible] were invited. [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible] or [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible], Ezra [illegible]. The [illegible], the [illegible] of November [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] guests— some on [illegible], others on [illegible], [illegible]—the [illegible], the [illegible], the Ca[illegible], the [illegible] all [illegible] a hand, and the [illegible] was [illegible] dancing. [illegible] being ready, the betrothed [illegible] in his [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] in [illegible] by his side and his honor [illegible] said "Know [illegible] all men by these presents that I, Ezra [illegible], a Justice of the Peace, being duly empowered, authorized and [illegible] by the State of [illegible] and [illegible] of the United States," [illegible] that [illegible] had taken up [illegible] he [illegible] a new [illegible] and [illegible] of deep [illegible] came out [illegible] the words "man and wife," to the [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] present. The [illegible] biscuits and [illegible] with [illegible] cake [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] with [illegible] for dessert; the [illegible] by [illegible] as wished, [illegible] rye from the distillery down the brook. At a late hour there was heard the [illegible] of "[illegible]" at the door, [illegible] many [illegible] and [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] and the first [illegible] in Andover was at an end.

[illegible]

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1902.

Revolutionary War Soldiers.

I find in the cemetery at West Andover that there are persons buried of whom it is said that they were soldiers of the war of the Revolution, viz: Abda Dolph—Born 1743, died 1833. On his head stone is engraved the statement, Served three years in the French and Indian wars and also in the war of the Revolution.

Francis Lyman—But I have no means of giving his age at death.

John Fenn—Born 1757, died 1838

Nathan Mason—Born 1756, died 1847.

Since our Grand Army Post has decorated the graves of all soldiers, the graves have been announced annually as Soldiers of the revolution and decorated as such, and as the families and friends of these departed patriots are residents of this locality. If there had been any error in the record I think I should have heard it before this.

B. F. PERRY.

OBITUARY.

JAMES M'GRANAHAN, widely known as a hymn writer, died Monday night of diabetes at his home in Kinsman, Ohio. He was born in Adamsville, Pa., in 1841 and at an early age became a student of vocal music. Among his teachers were Dr. George F. Root of Chicago, and he studied harmony under Dr. Mason and the art of conducting under Carl Zerrahn. For a long time, with Major Whittle, he devoted himself to the singing of gospel songs, and for many years he was busy writing anthems, glee and hymn tunes. In 1880 Mr. McGranahan went to England and won popular favor, and upon returning was associated with Ira D. Sankey and George C. Stebbins. Among his best-known sacred songs are "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings," "My Redeemer" and "Some Time We'll Understand." At one time Mr. McGranahan wrote exclusively for a certain firm, receiving $5,000 a year, and Biglow & Main have paid him royalties amounting to thousands of dollars. He did his best work during the '[illegible]

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pendleton have received the announcement of the marriage of their niece, Grace Christine Wood, to H. O. Hill at Springfield. The young couple will make a visit to this place on their wedding tour, after which they will go to New York and thence to Brazil, where Mr. Hill is engaged in Y. M. C. A. work.

Andover, Ohio (Missouri)

friends. Andover, Ohio

Clifton Wibirt recently found a land turtle on his grandfather's J. D. Wibirt's place west of town, on the under side of which were carved distinctly the initials A. C. and 1867. It would prove rather interesting, no doubt, if the turtle could recount his travels and tell who captured him in that eventful year. If any person can give any light on the subject let him speak. The turtle is at Mr. Wibirt's.

Kay and Birrell [illegible] after Nov. [illegible] 2. ..For several years a grave in the Hayes cemetery has been decorated on Memorial Day, it being supposed that the remains of a Revolutionary soldier reposed therein. Inquiry was made in a recent issue of the CHRONICLE regarding Mar. Andrews, and the information obtained shows he is still remembered by many old residents in this part of the county, particularly Mr. Richard Hayes. From Kinsman the following was received, and we insert, as it is of general interest: "Marquis Andrews could not have been a Revolutionary soldier as he was born at East [illegible], Conn., Sept. [illegible], 1786. He married Hannah Crosby, and emigrated to Ohio in 1811, settling in Gustavus. His only sister, Lucy Andrews, came at the same time. She went to Hartford to teach school, and married Wm. Jones, August 13, 1813. She died there in 1825, and Lieutenant Governor Asahel W. Jones is her grandson. Whether it was this sister or whether it was Calvin Cone that induced Marquis Andrews to remove from Gustavus to Hartford, I do not know, but I suppose he had moved back to Gustavus before he went west. He died at Augusta, Iowa, aged 52 years. He was out in the war of 1812." From other sources it is learned that he lived on the Bond farm, now owned by Lieut. Governor Jones, and his daughter, Maria, died there, and was buried in the Hayes cemetery. He held the office of justice of the peace in Gustavus. Mr. Hayes recalls having met him while he resided in Iowa. The United States government came very near being called upon to erect a stone over his supposed grave....Mrs. Maggie Turner, of Cassadaga, N. Y., has been a guest of Mrs. S. W. Sigler.....There is another case of scarlet fever at Mr. Gouldie's.....Miss M. K. Pelton attended the suffrage convention in Cortland last Thursday....O. C. Dudley, an old soldier at Vernon Centre, has been having the whooping cough.

Warned Out of Town.

The township clerk's old book in [illegible] Baker's office possesses much of curious interest to the modern Andover citizen, with his pleasant little village so thoroughly up-to-date, with its railroads, telegraphs, telephones and gas supply near at hand.

Along in 1824, or 1827, this record book shows that the pioneers were painstaking and careful people. Their laws seem strange to us now, as strange as ours will seem to the future generations of this municipality. In those old [illegible] the township was not very wealthy as far as wealth is counted to-day in dollars and cents. It behooved the early settlers to see to it that all who came to this place were able to take care of themselves in order that they should not become a charge upon the town. If a man came into the township from the outside he had to give a fairly good account of himself or he would be requested to pass on or be sent back to the place from whence he came. In order to make certain that no one should become a pauper on the town a law had been passed providing that if the new comers were "warned out" as soon as they arrived, should they ever become in needy circumstances, they could be sent back to the last place from whence they came. Consequently everybody was warned out of town immediately upon their arrival. This would seem to be a rather chilly reception for us of to-day. But there were no houses in those days. However, as it was customary to warn everybody out, perhaps the law was not taken as seriously as it seems to us. Of course, nobody left the town nor were expected to on that account, but the notice given served to exempt the authorities from caring for any who might become poor or for the unfortunates who, in battling against the obstacles of pioneer civilization, might run up against a streak of hard luck.

Still it is interesting to note that some of our best ancestral families were warned out of town, so that they would not remain to be cared for should they fail of making a living. As an instance of this it is related of "Venus" Marvin, who came to Andover an ungainly enough looking youth, who solemnly received his warning and what to expect if he wasn't able to support himself. However, he stayed and when he died, an old man, it is said that his land formed almost a continuous strip between Williamsfield and Linesville.

Eventually the "warning out" edict was revoked.

Ashtabula Co., Ohio

HARTFORD

[illegible] will send to T. A. Bushnell, A. P. Kepner, R. J. McIlwrell or Brand Hall they will see that it is renewed in this [illegible] manner. Among those who attended the anniversary were: Dr. Lorenzo [illegible] of Franklin, China; Mr. [illegible] of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands; C. N. A. Curtis Spencer, of Iowa; Dr. Hart and Mrs. S. P. Hart; Miss Anna Hart of Cleveland; Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Dodge and daughter Ruth, of Tallmadge.

In the report of the centennial in the Chronicle last week, we omitted to give any account of Hon. A. W. Jones' address which was very interesting though not [illegible]. It began with the grant of land from Charles II of England. A. W. Jones belongs to one of the oldest pioneer families in Trumbull, being the grandson of William C. Jones and the great grandson of Captain Isaac Jones. W. C. Jones came from Hinsdale to this town in 1801 and located on lot twenty-seven, on the farm of the late Amos Fell. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary war, having taken part in the batales of Bunker Hill and Saratoga. He died in 1841 at the age of eighty-one.

A movement is on foot to have all proceedings of the centennial published in book form, together with the addresses, history and poem. It is not the wish of Mr. Bushnell and his sister to have their histories published; at least not now. Very few people realize how much time and energy has been expended by these two people to make the history of this township the most correct and interesting in the state, and it is fitting and proper that it be preserved as a valuable treasure of after years.

HARTFORD M. E. CHURCH.

This society was first organized within the present limits of Vernon, by Rev. Obed Crosby, with five members: Obed Crosby and wife, Ewing Wright and wife and Eunice Brockway, afterwards Mrs. Daniel Bushnell, of this township. It was the first church organization of this denomination on the Western Reserve, having been organized in 1801. The membership increasing more rapidly in Hartford than in Vernon, the church was moved into Hartford from which it took its name. The place of worship was in the school house at old Burg Hill until 1836, when they removed to the center of the township and built the present house of worship. Isaac Winans was elder and S. Hubbard and W. French preachers in charge. Another class met prior to the building of the church in the school house on East street; this is known as the Bethlehem class, but was united with the Hartfield class when the present church was built. In 1874 the church was repaired at an expense of $1,100, and again in 1884 it was remodeled as it now is, Mrs. Sarah E. Smith giving the church the present of an elegant carpet. The present officers are: Stewards, J. H. Pitkin, Prof. Lewis Powell, John Ehlinger, Miss Cassie Fox, Baldwin and Pattie Thomas; Trustees, A. Standish, C. Fowler, Dr. Infield and Chas. Kahler.

[illegible] Hartford, [illegible] Jones, [illegible] Hartford, [illegible] Master. Regular meetings were held under this organization until 1814, following which the officers appointed for that first in office: Martin Smith, W. M.; Daniel Bushnell, S. W.; [illegible] Seymour, J. W.; Joseph De Wolf, Treas.; Richard Bigger, Secy.; Sterling G. Brownell, S. D.; Lebbeus Beach, J. D.; Thomas Gilliam, Tyler. A number of these early members of this lodge appear to have previously been among the petitioners for the charter of Old Erie No. 3, established at Warren in 1808, and are known to have been members of Erie Hill lodge, in Connecticut. A charter was granted dated Jan. 5, 1814 with the above named officers, and signed by Henry Fitch, Grand Master, and Roger Mansfield, Grand Secy. In 1817 they had their meetings in the room of Titus Bushnell, esq., in Hartford, and afterwards at that of Daniel Bushnell, and in 1827 at the house of Elijah Jones on the center, where they remained till 1834 when they moved to the house of G. C. Fox. In 1835 the present brick rooms were erected and meetings held there ever since.

RELICS.

The relics which were placed in the town hall at the centennial were very interesting and instructive to those who viewed them. Space will not permit mention of all the curios shown. D. S. Tracy had on display a fine collection of very ancient CHRONICLES whose dates are 1820, 1821, 1837 and 1844; Mr. Tracy has other years which were not exhibited. C. H. Drury has the CHRONICLE for 1817. The Bible which Isaac Jones, the first pioneer, brought from Connecticut was on display, and is much over one hundred years old. The pillows were used worn by Louisa Boylan Fitch, wife of Shuler Fitch—the age is unknown. A very fine linen towel was displayed by Mrs. D. S. Tracy, which was spun and made by Mrs. Phoebe Fitch Tracy. Mrs. Tracy also had an old American Reader of 1813, and a sermon delivered at Norwich, Conn., Sept. 5, 1788. D. A. Bushnell had a fine display of very ancient relics, among which were the following: A book once owned by the Knights of Malta of Sicily, 300 years ago, and afterwards owned by David Bushnell; a crock manufactured at the Hartford Pottery Plant about 1851—J. Miller, manufacturer; a bed warmer brought from England 200 years ago, formerly belonged to Elam Jones, now owned by his grandson, T. A. Bushnell; A pair of steelyards made in Connecticut by Uriah Hyde for his daughter, Mrs. [illegible] Jones in [illegible] and also a pair of bellows for blowing the fire on the [illegible]

OBITUARY.

MRS. PERRY BLACK

Was born in Chenango county, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1[illegible], and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Richardson, near Stockton, Ill., Dec. 2nd, 1893.

In 1831 she was married to Daniel Coon, who died in 1847 leaving her with six little children. The young people remained in New York for some years after their marriage, when like many of the others of the community in which they lived, decided to "go west." They first located in Michigan, but after a few months removed to Crawford county, Ohio. Here Mr. Coon died, and in 1848 the widow married Mr. Perry R. Black. Three children were born to them. In 1855 the family came to Illinois, locating in Jo Daviess county. Mr. Black died in 1890, and in September of the same year Mrs. Black went to visit her son, Rev. W. A. Coon, in Nebraska. She had been at his home but two weeks when she met with an accident. She fell and injured her hip so seriously that she continued an invalid until set free by death. Of her nine children seven remain to mourn the loss of a good mother whose precept and example will ever remain a stimulus to noble life.

Mrs. Black has left a record that is privileged to but few. Her life was full of activity. Her efforts were always earnest. She lived for more than sixty years a faithful and consistent christian life, and many outside her own family have reason to rise up and call her blessed, for loving words and kindly entreaty to live christian lives.

For over fifty years she was an active, earnest member of the Free Baptist church, always at work, always full of hope; the last work she ever did on earth was for the church.

She suffered a great deal during the last year of her life, and her last illness was accompanied with the severest pain. But amid all her suffering her faith sustained her, and if she gave way to impatience it was but momentary, and again like Whittier she would sing:

Yet in the maddening maze of things,
And tossed with storm and flood,
To one fixed star my spirit clings:
I know that God is good.

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[illegible] Mr. Claypool [illegible]

Rosanna Hayes Claypool was born Dec. 16, 1816, in Bracken county, Kentucky. With an elder sister she went to Sangamon county, Illinois, and spent her youthful days there.

She was married to Milton Claypool in 1835, and they came to Woodbine, this county, in 1841, settling upon a farm. Mr. Claypool died in Stockton Dec. 27, 1890, and the following year Mrs. Claypool moved to Warren, where she afterwards made her home. The following children were born to her: Newton B., Hampton, Iowa, James M., Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. A. J. Rindeshacher, Stockton, William W., Spencer, Iowa, Mrs. R. Crowe, Dawson, Neb., Reed R., Orleans, Neb., Milton M., Washington, Montana, Mrs. George E. Claywell, Kent, Ill., Mrs. T. L. J. Klapp, Freeport, Ill., Edward L., Spencer, Iowa, and Joseph E., the youngest, who lived at home and cared for his mother.

WILL BE MARRIED TONIGHT.

Miss Mary Gamber and Schuyler Tefft to Take the Nuptial Vows.

This evening at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thorp, will occur the marriage of Miss Mary Gamber and Schuyler C. Tefft. The ceremony will be performed at eight o'clock by the Rev. Mr. Millar, in the presence of seventy or eighty guests. Miss Caroline Wickwire, of Winslow, will be bridesmaid. She will wear blue silk, while the bride will have a gown of white silk, and will carry bridal roses. John Tefft, of Waukesha, brother of the bridegroom, will be best man. The wedding march of Lohengrin will be played by Miss Mollie Brown, and the ceremony will be performed in the beautiful parlor of the Thorp home, which will be decorated with flowers and autumn foliage.

The young couple have lived and grown up in Warren, and they are both favorites with the young people, the ranks of whom they now leave to enter the more sedate union of married life. The bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Tefft. He is a talented musician, being accomplished in both vocal and instrumental branches. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Gamber, who formerly lived here, but now resides at Winslow. She has been a leader in church and society work and is indeed a [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] church at [illegible] could scarcely [illegible] received Friday morning that Col. [illegible] who had left Monroe a few days before to attend the annual reunion of his old regiment, had joined his comrades who had passed into the beyond. The daughter, Miss Helen M. Hayes, who was spending the summer in Canada, arrived on the same train, and is with Mrs. Hayes at Hazel Dell.....Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hinger, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Herrin, Mrs. Trunkey and Miss Nina Trunkey, Mrs. A. L. Weimer, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Case, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Millikin, Mr. C. S. Mizner and Arthur Mizner took in the excursion to Niagara Falls, and report a fine time. Mr. and Mrs. Herrin went on to Galt, by, Canada, where they lived about [illegible] years ago.....Mrs. Josephine [illegible] worth, of Cleveland, is a guest of Mrs. C. S. Davis at the Center.....After an absence of about thirty years Mrs. Mary Settle Banning, of Muir, Mich., has returned to make a short visit with friends here and in Hartford.....Dr. Corydon Palmer and [illegible] Palmer were out from Warren last week to call on friends and relatives and take in the Hartford centennial.....Miss Cynthia Pelton, of Gustavus, is in town. The report published in the Democrat that she died April 7th was incorrect.....Tuesday last the reunion of the Mizner-Hall families was held at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Mizner. Tables were placed under the large maples and the company enjoyed a bounteous dinner. Remarks were made by Rev. Alex. McDowell; recitations by the Misses Brown; a Kipling poem was read; and the report of the officers and historian read. Mr. Louis Mitchell, of Youngstown, played a guitar and harmonica at the same time, and made fine music. All were so much pleased with the location that it was decided to hold the reunion there next year.....Mrs. MacDonald, of Chicago, is a guest of Mrs. M. A. Reeder.....Mr. Clark Chapman and six children, of Youngstown, were at the Mizner-Hall reunion.....Mrs. J. M. McKinstry, of Cleveland, a descendant of Minerva Palmer Blackway, who was married in Vernon in 1[illegible], was a guest at the Hotel Dilley during the centennial....Mrs. A. B. Reed, of Warren, is visiting friends.

Mrs. J. A. Knapp of Findlay, Ohio, formerly a resident of this place, died from the effects of cancer last Wednesday morning at the age of sixty-one years. The funeral takes place today and her two brothers, J. W. and and G. M. Wilkins and her niece Mrs. W. J. Sutton of this place are in attendance. Mrs. Knapp came to Andover when she was nine years old and lived here until some sixteen years ago. She will be remembered by the greater portion of our people. She was at one time engaged in the millinery bhsiness here.

[illegible] BELLS RING.

[illegible] BARTON AND DR. A. C. CZIBULKA MARRIED.

The Ceremony Was Performed in the Baptist Church by Rev. Wilkinson Before Many Friends

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16, 1[illegible]

Under a [illegible] bell at the altar of the Baptist church Miss Josie Barton and Dr. A. C. Czibulka were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at half past seven o'clock last evening.

The ceremony was brief but impressive, simple yet beautiful. At the invitation of the bride and groom a large number of town's folk were present to witness the [illegible] and when at the sound of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Sadie Matsen, the bridal couple proceeded slowly up the aisle, all eyes were upon them. They advanced to a designated place and received the nuptial vows administered by Rev. W. E. Wilkinson. The gold ring placed upon the finger of the bride ended the [illegible] of months before and marked the commencement of a happy married life. Rev. Wilkinson offered prayer, and pronouncing them man and wife the couple left the church to [illegible] many friends at the bride's home near by.

It was a jolly party that afterwards assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Major Barton, and in view of the beaming face and sparkling eyes of the bride, together with the manifested exhuberance of the groom, happiness was contagious, and "all went merry as a marriage bell." After a convenient lapse of time spent in conversation and in viewing the many beautiful presents received by the couple, refreshments were served, and the delicacies were partaken of in an approving manner.

At a late hour the guests departed, though a merry company remained with Dr. and Mrs. Czibulka until the arrival of the midnight train which carried the couple to Freeport as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Staley. From Freeport they will go to Chicago, and after several days return to the bride's home where they will board this winter. They expect to go to house-keeping in the spring.

The congratulations of the entire community are extended to Dr. and Mrs. Czibulka, in which THE SENTINEL comes in for no small share. We have known Josie Barton for years, and known her to be a model of kindness, a young lady of happy, joyous disposition, and one who can count her friends by scores. Dr. Czibulka came to Warren last spring and with a characteristic perseverance has built up a [illegible] practice [illegible] [illegible] friends. His parents live in Vienna, his father being an officer in the Austrian army.

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A [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we [illegible] eight:

[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Staley,	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Mr. [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Mrs. W. E. [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Wilson,	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Van [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Van [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
H. M. [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
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[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Payne, Jr.	H. [illegible] Payne
Mrs. Hattie Benson.	[illegible], Jr.

NOTES.

The bride's costume was very pretty and becoming. It was made of [illegible] silk, cut [illegible].

Several of the ladies were handsome [illegible]. Among them being Mrs. Hattie [illegible], Miss Lizzie Buchman, Miss [illegible] Stanton, Miss [illegible] and Mrs. C. F. Taylor.

[illegible] Alvah Sargent and [illegible] Carlton were the ushers at the church.

Louis E. Klein

Mina V. Greenwood

Married

Thursday, October the Twenty [illegible]

Nineteen Hundred.

Warren, Ill.

At home
609 Yesler Way
Seattle, Wash.

Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Langfield

desire your presence

at the marriage ceremony of their daughter

Ella

to

Albert H. Patten,

at half past eight o'clock,

Thursday evening, June fourteenth,

Eighteen hundred and eighty three.

Huron, Illinois.

[illegible] known [illegible] of Burghill, died [illegible] recently after a short illness.

GONE TO REST.

George Nelson Townsend, the first settler of Rush, Jo Daviess county, Ill., died at Warren, Illinois, Dec. 4th, 1893, aged 87 years, 3 months and 6 days. The deceased was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, August, 28, 1806. His father, Samuel Townsend, was a soldier of the war of 1812, his grandfather, Eber Townsend, a revolutionary soldier, wounded and taken prisoner by the British at the capture of New York City. The Townsends were of Scotch and English parentage, while his mother, Sarah Longwell, was from the north of Ireland of Scotch ancestry. When a child his parents moved to Steuben county, New York. While young his mother died leaving eight children, five sons and three daughters; two yet remain. H. S. Townsend of Warren, Ill., and E. C. Townsend of Shullsburg, Wisconsin.

In the year 1825 with father and brothers he emigrated to Springfield, Illinois. The spring of 1827 he came to Gratiot Grove, Wis. In the spring of 1828, in company with ten men, he discovered mines now at Dodgeville, Wis. He was sergeant in Captain Wm. Hamilton's command in the Winnebago Indian War. Returned on horseback to Alleghany county, N. Y., Oct. 29th, 1829. He was married to Miss Mary Miner, daughter of Asher and Lydia Miner, sister of Hon. S. K. Miner of Warren and Mrs. Sarah Huskell (Olive Miner) of Nora. The year of 1836 he located in the town of Rush, being its first settler, and made a farm of 750 acres. In 1849 he was captain of a train of fifty wagons across the plains to California; a few years later he moved to Warren. His wife died June 15, 1890. His family consists of nine daughters and three sons, fifty-four grand children, and twenty eight great grand children, all settled in life in different states with comforts of life around them.

Deceased was a republican of the Daniel Webster and Henry Clay type. In the war with the South six sons-in-law and sons went to the front. Fortunately all returned. He was buried on his old farm in the town of Rush by the side of his wife, Rev. Chas. Unangst of Stockton, assisted by Rev. Abrahmson of Warren, conducting the service, in presence of a large gathering of relatives and neighbors. Thus passed away a man nature rarely fashions into manhood; a form so perfect being absolutely without pride or arrogance; and to crown all, there was friendship that lasts beyond the grave to consecrate the ashes of the dead. To remember and practice what was good and generous in their lives is the most acceptable service we render to those who have been separated from the living and become partakers of a Divine Life. But unto the quiet of his home death entered unannounced and his spirit drifted away on the bosom of that dark and shadowy river that flows with restless sweep into the shoreless sea.

He sleeps the sleep that has no waking,
He has gone with folded hands upon his breast
Just as the evening clouds are breaking,
To his Eternal rest.

—Mr. Jesse Pease, aged about 78 or 79 years, one of the old settlers and prominent citizens of Wayne, Wis., died at his home at noon of last Monday, his ailment being old age and general debility. Mr. Pease was a good citizen, kind neighbor and warm friend and was highly respected. He leaves two sons and one daughter, all grown and married. The funeral takes place today at 11 am.

—La Pearl's circus which showed in Warren not long ago got into trouble at Greenville, this state, one day last week. A gang of roughs of that town, thinking [illegible] not their money's worth

The marriage of Mr. Edgar Morris at Dixon Wednesday evening of last week, at the home of the bride's mother, to Miss Lizzie May Ackert, was a brilliant affair, and also proved to be a double wedding. After the ceremony had been pronounced the officiating clergyman called for other candidates, and to the surprise of the assembled company Mr. Gale McCaul, of Lorimer, Iowa, led forth Miss Zada Holley, of the same town, and a niece of Mrs. Ackert, and they were also made man and wife. Both the brides were robed in white silk and the rooms were beautifully decorated with carnations, roses [illegible] a sumptuous wedding supper [illegible] merry evening enjoyed by [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Morris have arrived in Warren and for the present are living with Mr. Morris' parents. The Sentinel joins the happy groom's many friends in wishing him and his bride every happiness and success.

[illegible] G. PUTNAM EXPIRED.

[illegible] was ordered [illegible] was thus on relief at [illegible] overtook him. [illegible] a beloved son and brother. [illegible] Las Vegas.

[illegible] much promise. His habits were excellent, and he was kind-hearted, honest, warm and true in his friendships.

Miss Goodfellow Married.

Miss Margaret L. Goodfellow, of this place, and Lewis Wilson, of Stockton, were married last Sunday at South Wayne, by Rev. C. P. Collett, pastor of the Free Baptist church there.

Miss Goodfellow is a sister of Mrs. H. A. Clark and has made her home in Warren for a number of years. Mr. Wilson is a son of a farmer living three miles south of Stockton. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will make their home with the bridegroom's parents.

Married.

At the home of the bride in Warren, Ill., last Wednesday evening Mr. Frank Mill was married to Miss Addie Cheyney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Morton. Only the closest friends and relatives were present. The young couple have gone to housekeeping in Nora, where Mr. Mill has a residence. The Sentinel joins with many friends in wishing them abundant prosperity and happiness.

[illegible]

She's not a[illegible] by [illegible],
[illegible]

But, my teacher, my preacher, my saviour,
Is this back-door neighbor of mine.
We discuss all our housekeeping methods,
And some never thought of before,
While often a delicate relish,
Is served from each other's back door.

And we borrow and [illegible] often
You'd possibly think it [illegible] strange,
That without either clerks [illegible] calls
We keep up a House[illegible] exchange!
We're both "woman's rights" [illegible] the letter
Without making a public [illegible],
But often in each other's kitchen
We hold a convention--or two!

She knows all my faults and my [illegible]
And reproves me so kindly, I feel
That though I profess to be [illegible] heavens,
She's better than I a[illegible]
She has place for our half-[illegible] [illegible]
Or any spare goods in our line;
The sick know her bountiful basket
For they've seen it full many a time.

She belongs to no organized order,
But alone in her own quiet ways
Helps to light up the pathway of virtue
By keeping her torchlight ablaze.
Her hands are outstretched to the erring,
Whatever the station, their crime,
And I feel that this whole world would be better
Had they back-door neighbors like mine.

She makes no pretension to goodness,
But by watching I've found out her creed
Is to look up the poor, and the lowly,
And quietly help out their need;
And to clean up the ragged street urchins
With faces and hands all a-smirch—
She's every bit good as a Christian—
If she only belonged to a church.

I know she was born with a mission
Direct from the Father above,
She's so earnest, so patient, so helpful,
And her work is a labor of love.
I know she is fit for the kingdom
So free is her life from all sin,
And I think when she asks for admission,
Saint Peter will smuggle her in!

I'm learning these axioms daily
Overlooked in my lessons of youth,
The lives most pretentious of goodness
Will not bear the strong search light of truth;
That appearances too oft are deceiving,
Whether speech be polite, rude, or brunt,
For the genuine good of a human
Don't always appear on the front.

That friends we most prize and depend on
Don't call in conventional way,
Alone on your days of receiving
With five or ten minutes to stay;
But when weary and sick with life's burdens,
It's sorrows and cares as a whole,
We'll turn to our back-door neighbor
For a restful baptism of soul.

MRS. A. A. SIMMONS.

HOUBENER—HOFFER.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Wm. Hoefer, on Jan'y 1st. 1878, by the Rev. S. S. Cryer, Mr. John H. Houbener and Miss Annie H. Hoefer, both of W[illegible].

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DEATH OF JAS. BAYNE

PASSES AWAY LITE LAST THURSDAY EVENING.

Was a Victim of Dropsy and Had Been Ill Two Years—Funeral Held From the Home Last Monday—Sketch of His Life.

Hon. James Bayne passed away at his home in Warren at 10:45 o'clock last Thursday evening, Feb. 11, 1897, after an illness of fully two years' duration. The cause of his death was cardiac dropsy, a disease with which he had been afflicted for many months, although he long withstood its dangerous effects even at times when his friends thought it would be impossible to rally from its influence. For two years and more Mr. Bayne has been a patient sufferer at his home, being utterly unable to attend to his down town business duties. He has had the constant attention of his family during the days of that time and been under the care of a nurse—for the greater part of the time Mr. George Schade—during the nights. His condition at all times of this period has been serious and his remarkable vitality surprised even those who were closest to him.

It may be said that Mr. Bayne's usually rugged health was broken about ten years ago when his eye-sight began to fail, and he frequently complained of pains in his head. He did not give up his office work on this account, however, but came down town to business regularly each day. It was not until the morning of the 5th of April, 1895, that he became a confirmed invalid and was forced to discontinue his down town duties. On that morning while going to his office he received a fall and it was necessary to carry him home. He has been confined to the house since that time and has required constantly the care which was so cheerfully bestowed by his daughter, Miss Mary, and the other members of the family.

Frequently during this siege of illness he suffered from severe spells which taxed his strength to the utmost and left unmistakable marks upon his wavering constitution. All winter long he has been cheerful and happy, occasionally breaking out in some church hymn which had been the delight of his younger days. It was noticed that about one week ago last Tuesday he showed signs of failing. He grew tired at the end of the days and seemed to be worn out with being in his chair. He could not rest in bed because his breathing was interrupted while reclining, and consequently during the greater part of his illness he sought rest in an invalid's chair.

One evening last Saturday Dr. Hilliard, who cared for Mr. Bayne all along, and [illegible] to the family that the end was approaching. Each day following were plainly indicative of this result. [illegible] Wednesday the weakened body became more and more the prey of the consuming disease and at 10:45 o'clock on the night of Thursday breathing ceased and the repose of death fell upon the features of the invalid. The members of the family were gathered about the bedside when the end came. During that afternoon Mr. Bayne went through a number of convulsions, but at [illegible] o'clock his mind became rational and he recognized his children, his last words having been spoken to his son James, Jr., calling upon him familiarly and affectionately as "Jimmie." During the evening he became unconscious and passed away peacefully, there not even being a sign of labored breathing.

The funeral was held from the family residence at one o'clock last Monday afternoon. The services were under the direction of Rev. Miller, of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. W. E. Wilkinson, of Chicago, a former pastor here, who preached the funeral sermon. The casket bore many beautiful floral designs as the remembrance of family and friends, and the house was filled with those who knew and respected James Bayne during the time of his useful life in Warren.

The active pall-bearers were: Messrs. George Schade, John Brown, Irv. Myers, Henry Seise, Fred Burmeister and Martin Burrum. The honorary pall-bearers were: Messrs. P. H. Dobler, William Jewell, A. T. Barnes, James Barnes, Henry Clark and L. T. Zeigle.

Interment was made in the family lot in Elmwood cemetery. Members of the family from abroad who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Bayne, of Salem, Neb., Robt. E. Bayne, of the Soldiers' Home, Milwaukee, and Frank Bayne, of Evanston. Charles Bayne, the only son of the deceased not living at home, arrived here Sunday evening.

SKETCH OF MR. BAYNE'S LIFE.

James Bayne was born in Philadelphia, Penn., Feb. 27, 1826, and was nearly 71 years old at the time of his death. He lived in Philadelphia until he was 10 years old and then went with his parents to Newark, Delaware, where he remained until 1853 and secured in the meanwhile a practical common school education. He was married in that city to Miss Mary Miller on July 15, 1847. Together they came to Galena, Ill., where they lived three years, Mr. Bayne being engaged in mercantile business during that time. In 1856 they came to Warren to live and this has since been the home of the family. The estimable wife died Jan. 20, 1890.

Mr. Bayne was one of the pioneer merchants of Warren and by careful business [illegible] related a competency which [illegible] made him a wealthy man. Located from the first after coming here he began to deal in real estate [illegible] in Warren. It consisted of [illegible] lots on the north side of town. In 1873 he laid out another addition on the west side comprising 17½ acres. He withdrew from active mercantile labor in 1863, preferring to give his time to money loaning, insurance, collecting and real estate work, a business which he followed with much success [illegible] until he was taken [illegible] he was elected justice of the peace [illegible] has held the office continuously [illegible] He has also served in nearly all the local township offices, having been supervisor, assessor, collector, etc. In 1882 he was elected a member of the Illinois legislature from this district, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Joseph Moore. He served one term. He has always been a most ardent Republican and was a recognized light in the councils of that party in this county. He attended nearly all the conventions and took an active interest in campaign work. Of one occurrence his old friend Gen. Smith D. Atkins, of the Freeport Journal, says:

"Mr. Bayne was a warm personal friend of Congressman Hitt and aided materially in that gentleman's first nomination. In 1882, when congressman Hawk died so suddenly, most every county in the district presented a candidate for his seat, and the JoDaviess county delegation came to the congressional convention, which was held in Freeport, presenting the claims of Judge Spensley, of Galena. Stephenson county was for General Atkins, Carroll county was for Mr. Hunter, Ogle was for Mr. Hitt and Winnebago was for Mr. Garver, and it was hard to tell who would win out of all of these favorite sons, but Mr. Bayne gave Mr. Hitt the advantage from the start, as he refused to vote for Judge Spensley, his own county's favorite son. He cast his vote for Mr. Hitt, the rest of the JoDaviess county delegates clinging to Judge Spensley for several ballots. Finally Stephenson and several other counties went to Hitt and he was nominated, but had Mr. Bayne voted for Judge Spensley at the start the result of the convention might have been different."

Mr. Bayne was prominent in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church here for many years, and was always pleased when there was any church work to do. He attended services regularly whenever health was permitted and always joined in singing the old congregational hymns. Socially he was identified with the Odd Fellows, having been a member of that order for fifty years, joining it on the Saturday night following his twenty-first birthday.

OBITUARY.

[illegible] County, N. Y., July 5, 1816. Her [illegible] was Lamira Carver. When [illegible] she moved with her parents to Steuben county, New York, and after living there for about [illegible] years they again changed their [illegible] to Fayette county, Indiana, where Mrs. Townsend was educated and grew to womanhood.

She was married to H. S. Townsend January 10, 1836, and the following spring the young people came to Rush, Jo Daviess county, Ill., where they lived until 1869. There her ten children were born and raised, nine of whom are still living: R. K. Townsend, San Antonia, Tex., Capt. E. E. Townsend, S. H. Townsend, Mrs. C. D. Hooker and Mrs. James Manley, Maryville, Mo., Mrs. Charles Campbell, Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. B. H. Osborne, Escondido, Cal., J. M. Townsend, Rush, Ill., and Miss Alice, Warren.

In 1869 Mr. and Mrs. Townsend moved to Warren, where they have resided ever since. Mrs. Townsend began to fail in health about five years ago, and during the last five months has declined rapidly until Nov. 28, 1893, when she passed peacefully away.

The key-note of Mrs. Tomnsend's character was the prompt and cheerful way in which she met all the calls and experiences of life. She never complained of anything or anyone, and all about her felt the contagion of her cheerfulness and courage. She did not speculate much concerning the future, for this life to her was the chiefest reality, and she said and felt that this life well spent in kindly deed and faithful service would be the safest passport into the coming life of the soul.

To only a few is it given to fill the cycle of eighty years. For fifty-seven-years she lived with her husband in Jo Daviess county. She saw the wild prairie transformed into a legion of cultivated farms and homes. Of success and competence she had her share. But somehow she never found time to rest; all the years of her life were spent in willing service. Her home and her children was a wide world to her. Those years were uneventful beyond the common lot of woman, but they were full with the womanly and faithful performance of all the duties that fell to her lot. Hers' was a happy home. It was a sweet reflection to her that no one of the nine children who survive her had ever brought a sorrow to her declining days, not a single regret for the years of care and toil for them.

In the twilight of a completed life, surrounded by her loving sons and daughters, in the midst of a mother's home, she looked back over a long life of activity and usefulness, and passed away as one lies down to rest after the labor of a day.

"Her children arise up and call her blessed."

"Give her of the fruit of her harvest and let her own works praise her in the gates."

—E. B.

The funeral occurred Thursday, Nov. 30, 1893, at 2:30 p. m., from the family home. The remains were laid at rest in Elmwood cemetery.

JAMES M. FRENCH.

James M. French was born in Rushville, Yates county, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1818, and died at Warren, Ill., Nov. 29, 1893, aged 75 years, 1 month and 25 days.

In 1851, when 33 years old, Mr. French was attracted to California by the discovery of gold there. After engaging four years in the mining business he returned to his home in New York. A few years later he came west again, settling in Michigan.

At Grass Lake, Michigan, Sept. 5, [illegible], he was united in marriage to Miss A. E. Capron. About this time he was appointed superintendent of Rose Hill cemetery, Chicago, to which place he removed, remaining there for three years. Thence he removed to Burlington, Ill., and after a short residence there came to Warren, where he has lived for the past fifteen years, with the exception of a two years' residence in Chicago.

Three months ago Mr. French took seriously ill with heart trouble; that, with a cancer on his hand, caused him great suffering. Having a rugged physical constitution, and never having had much sickness, his confinement was oppressive and harrassing to his strong nature. Yet he was conscious that the shadow of death was upon him, and it was only a matter of time until he would have to yield to the last enemy of man. About a month ago in conversation with his pastor, he expressed a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better than to remain and bear the ills that flesh is heir to. He declared his faith in Christ to save him, and hoped through His merits to be accepted by the Father and given a home where changes, sickness and death never come.

His devoted wife and her sister were faithful to the last in endeavoring to relieve his sufferings and make his departure easy. Kind friends ministered to his wants and did what they could to make his burdens light.

The funeral services were held at the home Friday morning last at half-past ten o'clock, conducted by Rev. G. T. Larash. The body was interred at Elmwood cemetery.

Mrs. French has the sympathy of the community in her bereavement.

GEORGE N. TOWNSEND,

Born in Sussex county, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1806, died at his home in Warren, Ill., Dec. 4, 1893, aged 87 years.

Oct. 15, 1829, Mr. Townsend was married to Miss Mary Minor at Allen, N. Y. Twelve children were born of the union, all of whom are living. Mrs. Townsend died about three years ago. Mr. Townsend commenced failing about one year ago, from heart trouble, but did not take to his bed until two weeks ago.

In 1827 Mr. Townsend first came west, but he did not permanently locate until 1836. Then he came through by team, and settled on the farm in Rush, (the county was not then surveyed) where he resided until 1875, when he sold the farm to his son Asher and removed to Warren. While a resident of Rush Mr. Townsend was frequently elected supervisor, and held other important positions in the township at different times. In politics he was a staunch republican, and in religion a Baptist. He joined the church when 26 years old, and while always a liberal supporter of the church, he did not continue his membership here. In the affairs of the world he accumulated a competency.

Last Tuesday afternoon prayer was said at the home of deceased by Rev. Mr. Abramson, and a sketch of the long and useful life of the deceased read. Selections were rendered by Mrs. Smith, Miss Dawson, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Baldwin, when the remains were borne to the hearse by six grandsons of the deceased and, followed by the sorrowing relatives, taken to the old home in Rush, where today, Rev. Unangst officiating, they will be laid at rest in the Townsend cemetery.

Mrs. Perry B. Black died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Richardson, in Stockton, last Saturday night, aged about 80 years. The funeral services were held here at the Baptist church last Tuesday, Rev. Abramson officiating, and interment was made in Elmwood. We hope to have a suitable obituary next week.

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[illegible] was [illegible] ers, but [illegible] to [illegible] his life [illegible] the call of the Master. He [illegible] to be [illegible], but [illegible], by degrees seemed [illegible] away. For the last four years he had not [illegible] of his [illegible]. He was able to be up and about the house and would [illegible] with those who came to see him. His last [illegible] were peaceful. On Tuesday [illegible] he asked if it was Sunday, and being told it was Thursday [illegible] "We ought to give thanks every day." After that he [illegible] until the last at Sunday [illegible] death intervened. He made no complaint and spoke but a few words after the remark about giving thanks every day.

During his long life Robert Wear was a man of force of character and a citizen of energy and good repute. He was born in Durham, England, April 21, 1810, and was married in England in 1830, coming to this country with his wife in 1833. He settled first at Pittsburg, Penn. In 1844 he removed to Shullsburg, Wis., and in 1850 he [illegible] to the farm three miles southeast of Warren, where he died. He was the father of seven boys and five girls, eight of whom are living, as follows: [illegible], at home, John, Lake City, Minn., Mrs. Kate VanDervort, Oxford, Ks., Mrs. Hannah VanDervort, Salem, Neb., Robert L., Lake City, Minn., Walter, Kansas City, Mo., Miss Melissa, at home, William L., Warren.

Until a ripe old age he lived an active life. At Pittsburg he followed coal mining and at Shullsburg engaged in lead mining. He was among the 1849 pioneer gold hunters of California, making the trip across the plains by team. After his return from California in 1850 he bought the farm which has since been known as the Wear homestead. He labored early and late on this farm until the decrepitude of old age admonished him to lay aside the more arduous duties of farm life. He raised his family of children creditably, giving to each the educational advantages of the locality. In business affairs he accumulated sufficient property to provide for his care and comfort during old age.

During the active years of his life Mr. Wear was a man who kept pace with the advances of the age. He was a great reader of American and foreign literature, and oftentimes delighted to entertain his listeners with recitations of poetry. He was fairly versed in history and was a man keenly alive to the affairs of his township and the affairs of the Nation. He was a man of a high sense of honor, peaceable in his deportment and inclined rather to be merry than morose. No one ever heard him finding fault, but rather looking on the bright side of life. It may be truly said [illegible]

[illegible] Dr. Fred Suggitt died at Chicago last Thursday a [illegible] and his remains were brought here for burial. The funeral took place from the residence of his brother Robert on Thursday forenoon, the Masonic fraternity taking charge of the services, assisted by Rev. James Lowery, pastor of the M. E. church. The deceased was born in Canada, in 1863, and came to this village in the spring of [illegible]. He worked a few years for M. Maynard & Son, afterward clerking in Grabner's drug store at Warren. For the past four years he has resided in Chicago, graduating from the Chicago Dental College in 1890. Since that time he had been engaged at his profession in Chicago, having built up a paying practice. He was taken sick with typhoid fever and was removed from his home to the Presbyterian hospital where he died. His brother John and Mrs. R. C. Suggitt were with him when he passed away. A large number of friends from Warren attended the funeral. Among them we noticed S. A. Clark, L. K. Lee, Walter Stickney, J. E. Rowe, Prof. Baker, A. F. Grabner, A. S. Tinker, W. F. Conyne, Dr. and Mrs. Will Morris, Mrs. Jos. Hicks and others. The family has the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

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Father of Mrs. H. M. Carlton Passes Away at Hillsdale, Mich.

The Rev. E. D. Lewis, father of Mrs. H. M. Carlton, whose serious illness we chronicled in last week's Sentinel, passed away at his home in Hillsdale, Mich., Oct. 2, 1897, aged 73 years. He had been gradually failing for some time, but his last sickness lasted only a few days.

He was born Feb. 9, 1824, and had preached the gospel over fifty years. Part of his Christian work was done in Warren, where he was pastor of the Baptist church. His labors were not only fruitful but he left lasting impressions of his own kind individuality upon those who are now numbered among our oldest citizens. He was a truly good man, and in his life was reflected the [illegible] of Christ [illegible]

The funeral [illegible] being in Oak [illegible] at Hillsdale. Both Mr. and Mrs. Carlton were there.

[illegible] Thursday Even[illegible]

[illegible] Sunday afternoon, Rev. Miller [illegible] the sermon. The six [illegible] acted as pall bearers and [illegible] carried the remains of [illegible] to his last resting place in [illegible] cemetery.

[illegible] was born in Ulster [illegible] New York, [illegible] on the Great [illegible] and also but [illegible] in [illegible] in [illegible] who yet survives him. [illegible] to Kansas [illegible] Kane started westward [illegible] for the gold mines of California. [illegible] returned to [illegible] and was [illegible] a paying [illegible]. He [illegible] by way of the Isthmus of [illegible]

[illegible] coming back here he took up a government claim the tract of land [illegible] of Warren now known as the [illegible] and he and his wife [illegible] there. Later he [illegible] property and bought the Kane homestead [illegible] miles northeast of Warren. In 1871 he and his family moved to Warren and Mr. Kane has since lived in retirement.

[illegible] were born and survive [illegible] They are in the order of [illegible] Charles L. Whitehead, [illegible] P. Whitehead, [illegible] Julius [illegible] A. J. Anthony, [illegible] Thos. [illegible] K., Warren, Mrs. [illegible] N. [illegible] Gerlet, Jesse G., G. F. and [illegible] J. Childers, Warren.

A Quiet Wedding.

[illegible] Miss Georgia I. Kane, [illegible] daughter of Grandma Mrs. A. P. Kane, of this city, will be quietly married at her home on West Main street, this evening at 8 o'clock, by Rev. Simpson, of the [illegible] church, to Mr. Jesse [illegible], son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Childers, also of this city. Only the [illegible] relatives of the contracting parties will witness the ceremonies. The best wishes of many friends accompany them on their journey through life.

E. P. WILCOX IS DEAD.

ZENO PASSES AWAY.

Succumbed to Typhoid-Pneumonia Saturday of Last Week--Sketch of Life and Memorial to His Worth.—James M[illegible] Also Passes Away.

Twice within a week death has wrapped its black shroud around a citizen of Warren and carried him from the toils and troubles of this world. The first to be taken was Erwin P. Wilcox, staunch and true in [illegible] and beloved, who was buried from his family and friends last Saturday afternoon, and the second was James Merrill, honest and industrious, who de[illegible] yesterday [illegible] sketches out a sympathetic [illegible] who have been left to grieve.

Mr. Wilcox's demise was not expected by his friends, and consequently when the news came that he had breathed his last there was a general feeling of surprise, for somehow it was believed that he was improving, and only the members of his family really knew how serious was his condition. He had been confined to his bed since February 9, although he had been complaining of ill health a week or so previous to that time. The disease which carried him off—typhoid-pneumonia—developed after he had struggled with lung fever, and his system being weak from the first attack, he was left in no condition to combat the raging fever which finally wrested from him his life.

When he first left his business and was compelled to seek his home for rest his family thought that he was tired out by overwork and close confinement, but when he was forced to take to his bed his family [illegible] given the best care and attention [illegible] assistance of Dr. Buckham, and when his condition grew worse Dr. Godfrey was called from [illegible] united efforts of the two physicians [illegible] the grim reaper.

Mr. Wilcox was born in Smithville, Chenango county, New York, Nov. 4, 1816, and was therefore [illegible] years, [illegible] of Mr. and Mrs. Thursten Wilcox, both of whom survive him and live in Warren, and with them moved to Chautauqua county, New York, in 1852, securing employment as a clerk in a general store at Brockton. In 1862 he went to Grant [illegible] to clerk in a grocery store owned by his brother, G. H. Wilcox. In that [illegible] he worked [illegible] year and was then made a partner in the [illegible] the winter of 1863-64 [illegible] and Erwin went on the road traveling [illegible] wholesale grocery house [illegible] years.

His parents having moved to a farm near Grafton, Wis., Mr. Wilcox [illegible] and [illegible] the parents on a farm and worked [illegible] years. In 1875 he and his brother G. H. bought the [illegible] Clark store in Warren, which was then in the building next to Baldwin's drug store. January of that year saw Mr. Wilcox married to Miss Lucy M. Slothower. Three children were born, of whom Fay, aged 21, is the only one living.

The brothers remained together in business until 1887, when the firm dissolved, G. H. going to Nebraska, and E. P. remaining in Warren to take charge of the stock in H. M. Carlton's store. His first wife having died in September, 1877, he was married to Miss Mary E. Richardson in June, 1880, and one child, Eddie, aged 15, was born to them.

Mr. Wilcox again [illegible] in business in October 1890, under the firm name of E. P. Wilcox & Co., his partner being the silent partner. Mr. [illegible] having closed out his business here and moved away, Mr. Wilcox sold his building in [illegible] and [illegible] engaged in business ever since, having a [illegible] which was built up largely through his own personal popularity.

He was a member of all the secret orders in Warren save one, the Knights of Pythias, but he had taken [illegible] order, though not enough to entitle him to membership. He was a member of Jo Daviess Lodge No. 275, A. F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., R. W. [illegible] and K. of G. He was treasurer of the Village of Warren and treasurer of school district No. 29. In 1888-9 Mr. Wilcox was a member of the Village Board of Trustees. In his public life he was just as he was in his daily duties—an honest man, a far-seeing citizen always having the welfare of this community at heart, and possessing a character which would bear the test of all criticism, a model for a true and loyal American. His business [illegible] was known to all, and his [illegible] was a [illegible] of confidence. Such men are [illegible] many [illegible] and their places can not be filled from [illegible] the [illegible] of honesty and honor [illegible] the watchwords.

[illegible]

JAMES W. MERRILL.

[illegible] was the faithful janitor of the [illegible] school, until last Wednesday afternoon [illegible]

[illegible] and he was thrown against the bar, the which made a bad bruise in the chest. On Friday he was taken sick with pneumonia and the [illegible] deal of pain and all that could be done for him was done but he passed away on Tuesday morning at 7:00 having been unconscious [illegible] hours.

James W. Merrill was born Aug. 15, 1837 in Ohio and was at the time of his death fifty eight years [illegible] in the 16th Ohio and was a loyal soldier for three years, following Sherman to the sea. He united with the M. E. church and was a member of that organization at the time of his death. He was also a member of the G. A. R.

He was twice married and leaves a wife and two sons to mourn his sudden demise.

For thirteen years he has been a familiar figure at the schoolhouse having during that time not missed a day in the faithful and [illegible] performance of his duties. At the schoolhouse early and late, his aim was constantly the comfort of the teacher and pupil. In snowy weather his walks were ever clean and it was in fulfilling this duty that he undoubtedly met his death.

Many a good word was spoken by pupil and teacher when it was sadly learned that he had gone to his rest.

Beneath a cold exterior, he had always a [illegible] he loved [illegible] and [illegible] to his memory and [illegible] will be [illegible] and the pupils will attend his funeral in a body, the scholars having prepared a number of floral [illegible]

Thus the highest eulogy that can be given is the tribute that comes from honest toil and the faithful performance of one's duty.

[illegible] Miss [illegible] Lane of [illegible] and Charles M. [illegible] of [illegible] left immediately after the ceremony for Chicago, where they will make their future home.

OBITUARY.

[illegible] GRANT M. COM[illegible], [illegible] 509 North Fifty-third avenue, Austin, aged 76 years. He was born in Batavia, N. Y., and accompanied his parents in 1844 to Winslow, Ill. He [illegible] Mrs. Hal Tolles [illegible] Hancock County [illegible] Tuesday afternoon [illegible] Chicago?

PERSONAL.

Mrs. [illegible] and Mrs. [illegible] of the Chronicle, No. 524 Fulton street.

[illegible] Hough. [illegible] Abraham Lincoln [illegible] during.

[illegible] and [illegible] of Illinois [illegible] April, 1872 [illegible] his first pastorate in this state paying him a salary of $400 per year. He was one of the first circuit riders [illegible] those his personal field consisted of the entire state of Wisconsin. He got $23.[illegible] in salary from his charge the first year and had to sell his horse to pay a board bill. He was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. During the war he was chaplain of the 16th infantry.

MARRIED.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Goddard, at Stanley, Wis., Nov. 28, 1899, by ——, their only daughter, Stella M., and Mr. J. H. Bleisdell, of Stanley.

Mrs. Goddard is a sister of the editor of this paper. Her husband, "Abe" Goddard, was one of the members of the 96th Ill. infantry, and was well known hereabouts until he moved to the Wisconsin pineries over twenty years ago.

Stella was one of the belles of Stanley, an industrious and talented young lady. For the past few years she has been enrolled with the army of young women doing a grand work all over this country — teaching school. The groom is one of the promising young men of Stanley.

The wedding was a very happy affair, and was attended by about thirty invited guests. Among the relatives of the family present were our mother, Mrs. M. Gaun, our sister, Mrs. H. R. Buser of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, her son master Frank, and our brother Harry M. Gann, who is sticking type on the Minneapolis Times. If the writer had also been present, then mother would have had her whole family together at the first marriage of a grandchild. Harry writes us: "Everything went off nice and the bride looked fine. The presents were many, and some of them quite costly. You might mention that the supper was 'out of sight,' or words to that effect." We extend best wishes, and trust all parties concerned will ever have occasion to remember the day with pleasure.

MISS MAY HICKS—REV. SHIRLEY.

Thanksgiving evening brought a company of about forty guests to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hicks. In the warmth of the cheery rooms, the cold outside was soon forgotten. Talking and laughing prevailed until a few minutes before 8 o'clock. Promptly on time the bride and groom appeared and took their places in front of a window decked with white chrysanthemums and evergreen. Dr. Clark of Galena performed the wedding ceremony, and his well-chosen words made all feel the sacred joy of the occasion. Never were congratulations and good wishes more genuine and hearty. The bride was gowned in cream silk and carried cream roses. The eyes of many loving and admiring friends followed her as she moved about graciously among her guests.

Ample refreshments were served. Dainty decorations of green and [illegible] added much to beautiful the [illegible]

Many handsome presents expressed the good will of friends present and [illegible]

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Will Hicks and Miss Addie Hunter, of Dunbarton, Wis., Dr. H. S. Pepper and Miss [illegible] of Chicago, and Miss Mary [illegible] of Abingdon.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley will reside at Lincoln, Ill., where Mr. Shirley is pastor of the Presbyterian church. A [illegible] of our people's best privileges is to know that this was [illegible] the highest esteem. The bride made an introduction. Her sweet face and sunny nature have long made her a favorite with young and old. In the church, Sunday school and Christian Endeavor, and especially in the home where her presence has brought so much brightness, she will be sadly missed.

As bride and groom left for their new home, the wish of every heart was "Love bless thee, joy crown thee, God speed thy career."

Louis Zeigle Married.

At the home of the bride's parents two miles from Scales Mound, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 4, Miss Pamlia Jewell was united in marriage with Mr. Louis Zeigle of Warren. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Trenary, of Randolph, Wis., an uncle of the bride, in the presence of nearly one hundred invited guests.

The bride is an estimable young lady well known in this vicinity. The groom has been for several years engaged in the grocery business in Warren. The couple will make their home here.

[illegible] Died at the residence of her son-in-law, Thos. J. Sherk, near Warren, [illegible] 1899, [illegible] in the [illegible] year of her age.

[illegible] Twins, only daughter of Benjamin and Sara Beals, [illegible] in Livingston county, New York, in 1816. When three years of age her parents moved to Lake county, Ohio, her mother surviving her husband [illegible] years. There she was married to Luther Porter Woodworth, 63 years ago. Her husband died in 1857. Five children were born to them. In 1857 she came with her husband and family to Warren, where she lived until her death. Her five children survive her, as follows, all living at or near Warren, except as indicated: Mrs. Thos. J. Sherk, Mrs. George S. Wing, Wm. H. Woodworth, Benjamin B. Woodworth, Mrs. Dominic Brininger, Mrs. Geo. Elliott, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

The funeral took place Monday from the residence of T. J. Sherk, Rev. Abramson officiating, and the remains were followed to Elmwood by a large concourse of sympathizing friends.

For five years Mrs. Woodworth was a constant but patient sufferer, ever exhibiting that fortitude of character which distinguished her father as one of the heroes of the war of 1812. In early life she was identified with the Free Will Baptist church, but of late years she did not participate in active membership, although she ever lived an upright Christian life. She was devoted to her family, an exemplary wife and mother, a true friend and a kind neighbor.

Mrs. William VanDyke Dead.

Mrs. William VanDyke died at home in the early Sunday night, [illegible] 1899, [illegible] years. Her husband, with [illegible] children, survives her. She leaves [illegible] of Warren, [illegible] known [illegible] years. [illegible] and sympathy [illegible] The funeral [illegible] Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church, [illegible] a [illegible] crowded with the friends of the family. The services were conducted by Rev. [illegible] of Warren, [illegible] good, [illegible] Mrs. VanDyke resided the grave of her husband, who preceded her seven years ago, until the glad morning of the resurrection.

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